

Meeting:	<b>JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT</b>
Date:	16 June 2017
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN UPDATES**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing:
- the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan; and
  - the replacement Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

#### *Waste*

- 2.1 The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Replacement Waste Local Plan is being prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council. The Plan is being prepared in two parts. The first part of Plan, the Waste Core Strategy, was adopted by both Councils in December 2013 and sets out the overall vision and strategic planning policies for the development of future waste management facilities across Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.
- 2.2 The second part of the Replacement Waste Local Plan (Part 2 Waste Local Plan) will set out detailed development management policies to minimise the potential environmental impacts of waste facilities. Where necessary, this will also identify specific sites appropriate for waste treatment and disposal in line with the strategic policies set out in Part 1: the Waste Core Strategy.
- 2.3 Until both parts of the replacement Plan are in place, key policies from the existing Waste Local Plan (Jan 2002) have been saved.
- 2.4 The proposed timetable for preparing the second part of the Plan is set out within the County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme which was most recently updated in April 2016. This anticipated informal consultation on draft policies and proposed site allocations/areas of search taking place in June 2016.
- 2.5 Unfortunately, additional unforeseen demands on the resources of both the County and City Councils has meant that work on the Part 2 Waste Local Plan has not progressed as timetabled. The County Council has been simultaneously preparing its replacement Minerals Local Plan which has been submitted for Examination with hearings scheduled to start on 27 June 2017. Nottingham City Council is at an advanced stage of preparing its Land and Planning Policies document, which will sit alongside the Greater Nottingham

Aligned Core Strategies, but has recently had to carry out further assessments of deliverability on the allocated sites.

- 2.6 County Council officers have carried out an assessment of options for the way forward with the Waste Local Plan, given the elapse of time and in light of present circumstances. This assessment has considered the scope and approach to the Plan going forward. Officers of both Councils have met to discuss these options further.
- 2.7 Officers conclude that a Waste Local Plan should continue to be prepared jointly by the City and County Councils in order to effectively plan for waste management across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Further to the adopted Part 1 Local Plan (Core Strategy), it now appears unnecessary for the Part 2 Local Plan to make site specific allocations given current trends on managing and developing waste streams. The Part 2 Local Plan would therefore only contain more detailed development management policies.
- 2.8 However the objectives and policies of the adopted Part 1 Local Plan (Core Strategy) are acknowledged as in need of review. An alternative option would be to incorporate strategic priorities, locational guidance and development management policies into a new single Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy.
- 2.9 The City Council are currently prioritising the completion and submission of the Nottingham Local Plan (Land and Planning Policies) document. The County Council is willing to undertake work on the City's behalf to prepare revisions to the Joint Waste Local Plan, with appropriate agreement
- 2.7 Officers will discuss further these two options and report on the scope and timetable for reviewing the Joint Waste Local Plan to the next Committee.

### *Minerals*

- 2.8 The replacement Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan is being prepared by Nottinghamshire County Council and covers the County (the City's minerals policies are included in its draft Part 2 Local Plan). The Plan has been through various stages of public consultation, with the most recent being the formal period for representation on the Submission Draft, which took place in February-March 2016.
- 2.9 The Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination on December 15 2016. Following elections to the County Council in May 2017, the County Council at its meeting on 26 May voted to withdraw the Plan from examination and request that officers re-examine the level of provision being made for aggregates in light of recent evidence regarding levels of past sales. The Plan has now been withdrawn and consultees are being informed. A timetable for publishing a new Plan is now being prepared.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

### **4 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

4.1 None.

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