

Meeting **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

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From **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

Report

JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT

Purpose of Report

- 1 To inform the Committee on the progress of the preparation of the Joint Waste Development Plan and current waste management proposals.

The Waste Core Strategy and Site Allocations

- 2 The Waste Core Strategy will be the key development plan document setting out our vision of future waste management needs including the types of new facilities required and where, in broad terms, these should be located. This will be followed by a separate development control policies and site-allocation documents. An informal consultation on Issues and Options for the Waste Core Strategy took place in late 2006 but progress was delayed because of subsequent changes in Government guidance and advice on the level of detail required in a Core Strategy. These changes initially suggested that more site specific detail was needed and considerable additional evidence gathering was carried out by both authorities. However later advice from the Planning Inspectorate, and the results of a Critical Friend' assessment carried out by the Planning Officer's Society, has recommended a return to our original approach.
- 3 As a result, the Authorities sought further advice from the Government Office and Councillors of both authorities on the course of action to take. It has since been agreed to carry out a further Issues and Options Consultation focused on the future strategy for managing municipal, commercial and industrial waste along with 'broad areas' for future development rather than specific sites. The detailed site information already collected will help to provide part of the evidence base for future stages.

- 4 A draft consultation document is being prepared and a further meeting of the Councillor/officer working group is planned for late March/early April 2010. Consultation is therefore now likely to commence in the summer.

Current major waste proposals

- 5 A public inquiry into the proposed Rufford Energy from Waste Incinerator began in October 2009. This was suspended following the introduction of new ecological evidence at a late stage and is now due to reconvene in April 2010.
- 6 Further information has been received from the applicants regarding an ongoing planning application to create a new landfill site to reclaim the Bentinck colliery tip and former opencast workings near Kirkby-in-Ashfield. It is hoped that this application will be considered by Committee on 30th March 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the contents of the report.

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