

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

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From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **WASTE CORE STRATEGY UPDATE**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To update the Committee on the progress of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy.

### **Information and Advice**

2. The preparation of the Waste Core Strategy has gone through a number of key stages as part of developing the final Plan. This has included several stages of formal and informal consultation as follows:
  - Issues and Options (2006);
  - Further Issues and Options (2010);
  - Preferred Approach (2011);
  - Proposed Submission Draft (March 2012); and
  - Schedule of Proposed Changes (October 2012).
3. Approval was obtained from Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils in December to submit the draft Waste Core Strategy to the Secretary of State, along with the Schedule of Proposed Changes, additional minor modifications and responses to consultations. These formed part of a bundle of submission documents which included the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment screening, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and other relevant evidence, statements and background papers.
4. The draft Waste Core Strategy was formally submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and the Planning Inspectorate appointed Inspector Susan Holland to conduct the examination.
5. The pre-hearing meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and the hearing took place between 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
6. Prior to the hearing sessions, officers identified some further additional minor modifications to the Core Strategy which, in the main, provided further clarity to some topic areas and also corrected some printing and typing errors. These were submitted to the Inspector in draft form and were discussed during the hearing sessions.
7. During the hearing sessions a number of other minor modifications to the Core Strategy were suggested addressing grammatical and typographical errors alongside some Major Modifications to include additional paragraphs to Policies

WCS3 & WCS4 which ensures that development in the Green Belt will need to demonstrate very special circumstances (as per the National Planning Policy Framework) as well as removing references to the East Midlands Regional Plan.

8. The Councils undertook a four week consultation on the main modifications between 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013. This generated one further objection and three representations of support which have been forwarded to the Inspector. A schedule of the main modifications for consultation can be found at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/wastehaveyoursay](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/wastehaveyoursay). This also included a full list of the other minor modifications for information and transparency.
9. Government has also recently published a new Waste Management Plan for England and updated national waste planning policy for consultation. In light of this, the Inspector invited those who had previously made representations to submit further comments on possible implications for the Waste Core Strategy by 16<sup>th</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013 respectively. Two responses have been received and passed to the Inspector. It is anticipated that the Inspector will publish her draft report on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

### **Other Options Considered**

10. Not applicable as preparation of the Waste Core Strategy and other development plan documents is a statutory function of both authorities.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

11. To ensure that members are aware of the progress of the Waste Development Framework.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) It is recommended that Members of the Committee discuss and note the above report

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