

Meeting:	JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
Date:	11 September 2020
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN and NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing:

- The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.
- The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan;

2 BACKGROUND

Minerals

- 2.1 The County Council is preparing a revised Minerals Local Plan. It will cover the County area (policies for the City are included in its Land and Planning Policies document - Part 2 Local Plan).
- 2.2 Following completion of several stages of consultation, including an Issues and Options stage and consultation on a Draft Minerals Plan document, the County Council approved the Plan for formal publication at its meeting on 11 July 2019 and it was published for representations in September/October 2019.
- 2.3 The Plan was submitted for examination along with the supporting evidence in February 2020. An Inspector, Nick Palmer, has been appointed and a set of Matters, Issues and Questions issued in February to which responses were submitted by all interested parties in mid-April. Following the COVID -19 outbreak, the planned hearing sessions in late April were postponed but the timetable for receipt of responses maintained. A set of Supplementary Questions were issued by the Inspector in early May with responses submitted by 19 June.
- 2.4 At the time of drafting this report, no dates for the Hearing sessions have been published. It is possible that part or all the Hearing sessions will be conducted virtually by video conferencing systems and broadcast via YouTube and the County Council has indicated its willingness to hold the sessions by this means if necessary. A verbal update will be made to the Committee.

Waste

- 2.4 Following the County and City Councils decision to prepare a single Joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy, adopted by both Councils in December 2013, an initial consultation on the new Local Plan including a “Call for Sites” was launched on 28 February and concluded on 7 May 2020 (extended by a month in light of the COVID-19 outbreak)
- 2.5 The consultation also included consultation with statutory bodies on the scope of Sustainability Appraisal for the Plan and a “Call for Sites” to help establish if operators wish the Councils to consider making specific site allocations for waste management.
- 2.6 The consultation exercise generated 270 representations on the “Issues and Options” document, from a wide range of people including members of the public, statutory consultees, industry leaders, parish councils and local authorities.
- 2.7 Officers are currently assessing the representations received and will feed the responses into the next stage of the Waste Local Plan. We intend to brief the Members Working Group on the findings of the consultation exercise in the Autumn. The next steps in the Waste Local Plan process will be the completion of a report of consultation, the updating of the Waste Needs Assessment and preparation of a Draft Plan for consultation.
- 2.8 In terms of the Call for Sites, nine sites were put forward for potential waste development/facilities across the Plan Area including several sites proposed for inert disposal, waste transfer, recycling and recovery (including energy from waste). Further consideration will be made of the need to include site allocations or indicate broad locations / criteria based policies to promote development in the Draft Waste Plan.

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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