

REPORT OF THE  
Cabinet  
PART I

**27. HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN**

1. The Cabinet received a report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment providing an update on the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HMWP) and a proposal that Full Council be recommended to adopt the Plan.

2. The County Council, as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, has a statutory duty to plan for the provision of minerals and waste. The aim of the HMWP is to protect Hampshire's environment and communities and to support Hampshire's economy through the sustainable management of minerals and waste development. The HMWP contains revised and updated strategic policies, revised and strengthened development management and spatial policies as well as including strategic minerals and waste site allocations. The Plan will provide a comprehensive framework for future minerals and waste development in Hampshire to 2030.

3. The County Council has worked in partnership with Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park Authority (the 'partner authorities') to prepare the HMWP. Following approval by the five partner authorities in October 2011 and a subsequent public consultation on the soundness of the Plan, the HMWP was submitted to the Secretary of State on 29 February 2012.

4. Mr Andrew Freeman was appointed as the Planning Inspector to conduct an independent Public Examination into the soundness of the Plan and to report back on the outcomes of the examination to the partner authorities. The Public Examination of the HMWP commenced upon submission of the Plan and an initial public hearing took place in June 2012. A public consultation on the proposed modifications took place between 22 October and 17 December 2012 and the outcomes of this consultation were then considered at a second stage public hearing in March 2013, where they were considered to be appropriate by the Planning Inspector. The Inspector issued his Report to the partner authorities on the soundness of the Plan in late May 2013. As the partner authorities requested, the Inspector recommended main modifications that would make the Plan satisfy the requirements of section 20(5)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and be "sound". As a result the Plan, including these modifications, can now be adopted.

5. At their meeting of 22 July 2013, Cabinet noted the Inspector's Report and his conclusion that with the incorporation of the main modifications identified in his report, the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HMWP) meets the criteria for soundness and may therefore be adopted. It was also noted that the HMWP will supersede the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (2007) and the 'saved' policies from the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (1998) upon adoption.

6. For reference, the revised Plan, including all modifications agreed as sound by the Planning Inspector may be found as an appendix to this report.

7. Cabinet recommended that:

- The County Council adopts the HMWP which incorporates the main modifications identified in the Inspectors Report, as outlined in appendix 1 of the report, and the additional modifications as outlined in appendix 3.
- The County Council adopts the HMWP as a basis for its development management activities with immediate effect.
- Authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to undertake all necessary steps to secure the process of statutory adoption including the publication of formal notices on the adoption of the Plan.

The full Cabinet report can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (search item reference 4965)

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the County Council:

- (a) approve the recommendations of Cabinet as detailed in paragraph 7 of this report.
- (b) authorise the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment to make such changes to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan that may be necessary to complete its finalisation, provided that these do not materially change the direction, shape and emphasis of the document, and do not raise new issues.