

Minerals and Waste Plan – Supplementary Information

Extract from Cabinet Minutes – 26 September

AT A MEETING of the CABINET of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 26 September, 2011

Chairman:
p Councillor T. K. Thornber, CBE

Councillors:

p K. Chapman	p M.J. Kendal
p C. Davidovitz	p K. Mans
p Dr. R. J. Ellis	P R. Perry
p Felicity Hindson, MBE	

Also present: Councillors K. Evans, K. House and C. Leversha.

249 DEPUTATIONS

The Cabinet received deputations in relation to Minute No. 254 concerning the Minerals and Waste Plan and specifically the Hamble Airfield site:-

Leighton King – Ancasta Group.
Stuart Moulton – Hamble resident.

250 DRAFT HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN

The following Members declared the following interests in the following interests in this item:

Councillor M. Kendal as a New Forest District Council Member.
Councillor R. Perry as Chairman of the Viridor Land Fill Tax Credits Panel for Squabb Wood
Councillor K. Chapman as a Member of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.
Councillor C. Davidovitz as a Parish Councillor.
Councillor K. House as Bursledon Parish Council and Eastleigh Borough

Council Member.

Councillor T.K. Thornber as he had visited the Purple Haze site.

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Item 5 in the Minute Book) on the draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan which outlined the key elements of the plan and considered how it would protect Hampshire's environment and communities, support Hampshire's economy and guide the delivery of sustainable minerals and waste development to 2030.

At the meeting, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment advised the Cabinet on the duty for the County Council as a planning authority to prepare a plan for minerals and waste development and explained why the plan should be prepared at this time. Information was also provided on the rationale for the plan preparation which had previously been agreed by Council on 25 November, 2010 and on the progress since then, including a commentary on the public consultation undertaken by the County Council.

The Director of Economy, Transport and Environment also provided clarification that the draft Plan would entirely replace the adopted minerals and waste core strategy and significantly strengthen the policy framework by which future minerals and waste development would be judged.

The Cabinet were advised that the next stage of the plan preparation process would be to publish the plan and supporting evidence for comments on whether it is considered 'sound' under Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

Any comments received would be collated and compiled with the plan and evidence submitted to the Secretary of State in readiness for their public examination in 2012.

Following the receipt of the inspectors report the County Council would then be able to decide whether to adopt the Plan. In considering the report the Cabinet were advised that the Plan applied the waste hierarchy locally and identified the spatial policies and criteria for sites. Reference was made to the table on Page 9 of the report which indicated that Hampshire's foresight in investigating infrastructure meant that modest additional capacity was required; in particular 0.6 MTPA of recycling and recovery infrastructure with a residual requirement of 1.1 MT of landfill.

At the meeting the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment also provided a summary of the discussion from the Member briefing day held on 22 September 2011.

At the meeting Councillor K. House was given the opportunity to outline his observations. He considered that due to the reduction in planned house building over the plan period, particularly in the Eastleigh area that the extraction requirements were overstated. He commented on the proposed length of the public consultation and also spoke about the social and community impacts of sites such as Hamble Airfield, and expressed the view that these had not been given sufficient weight in the appraisals required as part of the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

On the latter points, the Cabinet were advised that the regulations prescribed a six week consultation at the next stage of the plan, and that community factors had been built into the appraisal.

The Cabinet discussed the report and draft Plan in great detail and made specific reference to the detailed equality impact assessment which had been issued to the Cabinet, and formed part of the evidence base, and considered the points made by the deputees. In considering the plan, the Cabinet were reminded that by taking advantage of changes to national planning policy and the new approach to setting planning targets locally, the County Council and its partners aimed to ensure that a sustainable and realistic plan for Hampshire was developed. The new approach would include greater emphasis on addressing climate change and protecting biodiversity, as well as focusing more on sustainable development.

There was discussion about the table on Page 9 of the report and how the requirements had been calculated. It was suggested that it would be beneficial for the meeting on the 13 October 2011 to disaggregate the sharp sand, gravel and soft sand figures for sites. The Cabinet also felt, in response to the submission of the deputees, that it would be appropriate to advise the meeting on the 13 October with an assessment of the economic impact on businesses in the Hamble area if the Hamble Airfield site were to be worked.

The Cabinet agreed the recommendations set out in the report and noted that the County Council would finalise the draft Plan for publication at the Extraordinary Meeting on 13 October 2011.

The decision record is attached to these Minute as Appendix 1.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	26 September 2011
Title:	Draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan
Reference:	2756
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That Cabinet recommends to the County Council:
 - (i) That the draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan attached to this report be approved by the County Council at its meeting on 13 October 2011 for publication; consultation on its soundness; and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulations 27-30 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
 - (ii) That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, be authorised to finalise the text, plans and diagrams in the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan and supporting documents, provided that these do not materially change the direction, shape and emphasis of the Plan, and do not raise new issues.
 - (iii) That, during the pre-submission period to the Secretary of State and during the public examination itself, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to make minor changes to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan to respond to consultation comments, legislative and national policy changes, provided that these do not materially change the direction, shape and emphasis of the document, and do not raise new issues.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Hampshire County Council, as a minerals and waste planning authority, has a statutory responsibility to prepare a minerals and waste plan.
- 2.2 The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan will provide protection for Hampshire's environment and communities whilst ensuring that Hampshire's economy is supported by providing a framework for sustainable minerals and waste development to 2030.
- 2.3 The Plan will help shape Hampshire in accordance with objectives set by the minerals and waste planning authorities in response to the needs of local communities and businesses.
- 2.4 The Plan will replace the adopted Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy which was the subject of a legal challenge and required updating. The Plan will identify potential minerals sites and landfills together with comprehensive criteria for minerals and waste development. This will enable the minerals and waste planning authorities to ensure the right development in the right place at the right time.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Consideration was given to updating the Core Strategy and then producing two separate additional site development plan documents (DPDs). This protracted process would have taken considerably longer and cost significantly more than the current programme.
- 3.2 The County Council could have delayed the preparation of a revised Core Strategy or site DPDs, however this would have left the County Council at risk of unwanted development.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none.
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber CBE**

26 September 2011

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