

REPORT OF THE
Cabinet
Draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

PART I

1. Executive Summary

1.1. On 26 September 2011, the Cabinet considered a report 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. The full report submitted to the Cabinet is attached at appendix A.

1.2. 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 Council.

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

1.4. Finally, further detail of the next stage of the planning process; the soundness consultation, was provided and the timescales for the remainder of the process identified.

2. Context

2.1. Preparation of the draft plan has been undertaken in partnership with the other minerals and waste planning authorities in Hampshire – Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park Authority – referred to as “the partners”.

2.2. A substantial technical evidence base, augmented by public consultation during the first half of 2011, based on the suggested approach and suggested

sites underpins the draft plan. The outcome of this work is the compilation of a draft Plan which provides a sound, robust and comprehensive policy framework for minerals and waste development to 2030.

3. The draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

3.1. Protection of Hampshire's unique environment and its communities is the overriding imperative of the plan, whilst recognising that Hampshire's economy needs minerals and sustainable waste management.

3.2. The draft plan advocates provision of an adequate and balanced supply of aggregates from a variety of sources including recycled aggregates, marine aggregates, imports via rail depots and also provision for land-won supplies at the rate of 1.56million tonnes per annum (mtpa).

3.3. The plan applies the Waste hierarchy locally and identifies the spatial policies and criteria for sites. Hampshire's foresight in investing in infrastructure means that modest additional capacity is required; in particular 0.6mtpa throughput capacity of recycling and recovery infrastructure with a residual requirement for 1.1mt of landfill.

3.4. Policies for the protection of the environment and communities are identified along with strategic sites considered necessary to deliver the objectives of the plan.

4. Publication, collection of comments on the soundness of the Plan and public examination.

4.1. Cabinet were advised that officers consider the plan to be sound.

4.2. The next stage of the plan preparation process is to publish the plan and supporting evidence for comments on its soundness under Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

4.3. Soundness is a test to determine if the plan has been positively prepared, effective, deliverable and in accordance with national policy.

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

4.5. Following receipt of the Inspector's report the Council will decide whether to adopt the plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the County Council:

- (a) Approve the draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan attached to this report 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.
- (b) Authorise the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to finalise the text, plans and diagrams of 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.
- (c) Authorise the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, during the pre-submission period to the Secretary of State and during the public examination itself 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.