

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	25 October 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Planning for Future Minerals and Waste Development
<b>Reference:</b>	1965
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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#### 1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

- a) That the new approach to preparing the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan be agreed.
- b) That Cabinet recommends that the County Council:
  - (i) approves the proposed timetable and that this be incorporated into a revised Minerals and Waste Development Scheme and that this is agreed as the process and mechanism for the preparation for the revised Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents – the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
  - (ii) revokes the previous decision to finalise and publish the Hampshire Minerals Plan consultation on its soundness and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulations 27-30 of The Town and County Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, made on 10 July 2008;
  - (iii) approves the proposed Consultation and Communication Strategy to accompany the new approach to the preparation of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (which is in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement);
  - (iv) adopts the draft Statement of Intention as interim County Council policy as set out in Appendix 4 to the report, in order to clarify the County Council's position following the revocation of the South East Plan. This initial position statement will be consulted on in due course as part of the preparation of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan; and

- (v) approves the establishment of regular Member briefings for the key areas of the County affected by the Plan and the setting up of an informal cross-party Member Sounding Board to provide guidance and feedback on the plan preparation and content, to be convened by the Executive Member for Environment.

## **2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The preparation of Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents is a statutory duty for the County Council as a Mineral and Waste Planning Authority.
- 2.2. Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires preparation of a timetable for the plan preparation programme to be produced by the Local Planning Authority.
- 2.3. The new approach suggested for the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document is a significant change to the previous approach and requires revocation of the draft Hampshire Minerals Plan such that the updated evidence contained within it may be incorporated into the new development plan document being prepared.
- 2.4. The new consultation strategy to support the preparation of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan requires endorsement and in particular the composition of the proposed informal Member Sounding Board requires resolution.
- 2.5. The revocation of the South East Plan by the Secretary of State leaves a policy gap in the adopted Minerals and Waste Core Strategy where ex-regional policy refers. This Statement of Intentions aims to provide an initial policy position on important matters such as the Aggregates Apportionment with the aim of providing interim certainty for the community and business. This is a material consideration for any relevant planning application although not part of the development plan.

## **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. To halt all work on revisions to the Core Strategy and future preparation of the site allocation documents, this would leave the County Council with an incomplete Core Strategy and lend inadequate support to Council as Local Planning Authority in determining planning applications for future Minerals and Waste infrastructure, leading to the prospect of planning choices being made by appeals rather than a robust policy framework.
- 3.2. To keep to the programme as originally intended, and revise the Core Strategy, and then produce the separate Minerals and Waste site allocation documents. The delays caused by the review of the regional plan policy M3 now mean that not only would this option severely delay the plan completion

date but also would require additional funds to support the extended time period.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T K Thornber CBE</b>	

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