

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	5 March 2013
Title:	Revised Development Scheme for Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Preparation
Reference:	4687
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the necessary authority to bring into effect the revised Development Scheme for the preparation of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HMWP).

1.2. This paper seeks to

- clarify the proposed timetable for the key stages of the preparation of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan;
- reaffirm the County Council's commitment to prepare one development plan document which, once adopted, will entirely replace the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy; and
- provide the legal basis for bringing the revised development scheme into effect as of 6 March 2013.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The County Council is a Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, and has a statutory duty to prepare a plan to guide minerals and waste development in Hampshire by protecting Hampshire's environment, maintaining Hampshire's communities and supporting Hampshire's economy.

2.2. The County Council resolved (ref. 1965) to prepare the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan in November 2010, which would comprise one combined plan defining the strategic direction for minerals and waste infrastructure and containing polices which identify mineral sites and includes criteria for waste development.

- 2.3. The HMWP will entirely replace the adopted Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and ensure the right development in the right place at the right time for the period to 2030.
- 2.4. The HMWP was published in October 2011 for comments on its soundness and subsequently submitted for public examination by a planning inspector on 29 February 2012. A resolution of the County Council in September 2012 authorised further work and public consultation; this was required as part of the public examination process.
- 2.5. The HMWP has progressed through several plan-making stages and is now in the second stage of the public examination of the soundness of the plan.
- 2.6. The County Council also has a responsibility to prepare a Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, which defines what planning documentation is to be prepared and the timetable for its preparation and revision.
- 2.7. The current development scheme was brought into effect on 7 September 2011, with informal updates provided on the County Council website at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/development-scheme-3.htm>
- 2.8. The County Council now considers that it is a convenient point in the process to formally update the development scheme.
- 2.9. It is a legislative requirement for the County Council to prepare and revise a Development Scheme. However, until the Hampshire Authorities had completed the recent consultation on the Proposed changes to the HMWP, there was a degree of uncertainty of how the plan preparation might subsequently progress.
- 2.10. Having analysed the representations made to that consultation, there is now sufficient certainty over the timing of the next stage of the Public Examination to enable a formal update to the Development Scheme. By bringing this revised and up-to-date Development Scheme into effect, the County Council will ensure that the legal requirement for such a scheme has been met.
- 2.11. The revised Development Scheme details the progress to date for plan preparation and the ongoing public examination, and also identifies important changes to policy, such as the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2.12. An updated document has been prepared and is included at Appendix 1.
- 2.13. The Development Scheme updates the progress to date and specifically identifies:
 - that the Public Hearing on the HMWP will be undertaken on 13-14 March 2013; and

- subject to the Inspector's report, the HMWP is expected to be adopted Summer/Autumn 2013.

3. Finance

3.1. The HMWP is being prepared in partnership with Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park Authority.

3.2. These partners provide financial and technical support to the project.

4. Performance

4.1. Preparation of the Development Scheme is a legislative requirement and therefore bringing this revised scheme into effect ensures the County Council remains in compliance.

4.2. The updated Development Scheme accommodates the additional work required in undertaking the public consultation on the proposed changes to the HMWP as a consequence of the first stage of the public examination.

5. Future Planning

5.1. Once adopted, the HMWP will provide established policy guidance on planning for Minerals and Waste development in Hampshire to 2030.

6. Recommendation

6.1. That the update of the Development Scheme for the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan preparation be approved with immediate effect.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Planning for future Minerals and Waste Development in Hampshire	1964	25/11/2010
Revised Development Scheme for Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Preparation	3172	06/09/2011
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations		2012

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) concerning Maximising Uses of Waste and Reduction of Landfill in Hampshire and Enhancing Hampshire's Quality of Life.
- 1.2 It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The decision will have no impact upon crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The Development Scheme itself does not directly impact carbon emissions. However, the sustainable minerals and waste development that will follow the schedule will contribute to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Hampshire

- 3.2 How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The Development Scheme itself does not impact upon climate change adaptation, but the plan and the proposals have been subjected to an integrated sustainability appraisal to ensure that they contribute to mitigation of, and adaption to climate change