

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	29 June 2010
Title:	Revision of the Statement of Community Involvement applicable to preparation of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework
Reference:	1407
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to approve changes to the Hampshire County Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in line with changes to legislation and Government guidance and to recommend subsequent adoption to the Council.

1.2. This paper seeks to:

- Highlight the need to prepare some minor revisions to the currently adopted SCI due to legislative changes
- Show there are no financial consequences to this
- Demonstrate that changing the SCI allows subsequent community consultation to be carried out in accordance with national policy and be legally compliant.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The SCI is a statutory planning document that sets out how Hampshire County Council will involve the local community in preparing and reviewing the Mineral and Waste Development Plan Documents (DPDs), that form the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (HMWDF).

2.2. The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 have made changes to several regulations

relating to community consultation in the preparation of (DPDs). The main changes are:

- (i) First, the two previously separate consultation stages are replaced with a single requirement to engage the public and stakeholders. This is referred to as **Pre Publication Participation** (under Regulation 25). The proposals will not restrict consultation, but allow the County Council to decide in a proportionate manner what is the best way to consult the community.
- (ii) Second, the period for formal representation i.e **Publication Participation**, on a DPD - which previously took place shortly after the Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination – is moved to a period prior to its submission to the Secretary of State. This will allow the Council to consider any issues raised by representation, which hitherto might not have been considered.
- (iii) Finally, the period for formal representations on a DPD has been changed to at least six weeks, rather than exactly six weeks. This will allow the Council to extend the period for representations to ensure all interests are given an opportunity to comment.

2.3 The background to and more detailed explanation of the changes are discussed in the accompanying Appendix.

3. Finance

3.1. There are no financial implications for the County Council.

4. Performance

4.1. The Addendum will enable the County Council to fulfil its commitment to legally compliant community engagement.

5. Future direction

5.1. The SCI forms the basis of the County Council's procedures for community engagement in the preparation of the changes to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD and related Site Allocation DPDs.

5.2. The Addendum to the SCI will bring it in accordance with new regulations and guidance and allow further plan consultation be carried out correctly.

6. Recommendations

That the County Council be recommended

- 6.1. To adopt the Addendum to the Statement of Community Involvement.
- 6.2. To delegate authority to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive for Environment, to make any further detailed and/or technical amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement Addendum that may be required to comply with new guidance or legislation, provided that these do not significantly change the scope, emphasis or opportunities for participation set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.

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> Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework and Future Waste Management Operations	<u>Reference</u> 780	<u>Date</u> 27/07/2009
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008		<u>Date</u> 27/06/2008

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. No impacts.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. No impacts.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No impact.

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

No impact.