

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM DRAFT WASTE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report sets out the details of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Draft Waste Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Nottinghamshire County Council are consulting on a Draft Waste Local Plan (see web link at para 2.5 below). The consultation closes on 4 April 2022. The new Waste Local Plan is a joint plan being prepared by Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council, though the preparation process is being administered by the County Council.

2.2 This consultation draft plan follows an Issues and Options consultation undertaken in early 2020. Newark & Sherwood District Council made representations to the previous Issues and Options consultation a copy of our response to the Issues and Options consultation is attached as **Appendix A**. This has been updated with comments on how the Draft Waste Local Plan currently under consultation, has addressed the issues previously raised.

2.3 It is proposed that the new Waste Local Plan will cover the period up to 2038. The Plan seeks to promote sustainable waste management, seeks to push waste management up the waste hierarchy and promotes high rates of recycling and recovery.

2.4 When the latest consultation period ends, submitted responses will be considered and used to produce a final Plan (at Regulation 19 Stage) which will be published for formal representations and then submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination prior to adoption.

2.5 The Draft Waste Local Plan is supported by other documents including a Waste Needs Assessment, a Sustainability Appraisal and a Report of Consultation following the Issues and Options Consultation. These documentations can be seen at:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/waste-development-plan/new-waste-local-plan>

3.0 Proposed Response

3.1 A draft Newark & Sherwood District Council response is attached as **Appendix B**.

3.2 The Draft Waste Local Plan has increased the targets for recycling of waste from the Issues and Options Stage which will help push waste higher up the waste hierarchy and reduce the need for measures such as energy recovery and landfill. It is recommended that the District Council response welcomes the increased targets for recycling.

- 3.3 It is recommended that the District Council response seeks clarity regarding the precise waste management needs for the plan area over the plan period and raises queries regarding the capacity requirements for disposal, to ensure that appropriate provision can be made.
- 3.4 The Draft Waste Local Plan retains the approach set out at the Issues and Options Stage of supporting medium sized waste treatment facilities in, or close to, the built up areas of a number of identified settlements, including Newark, although no specific sites or locations are allocated within the plan. It is recommended that the District Council response continues to question the justification for the approach taken in identifying the suitability of Newark for future waste management development and seeks the allocation of specific sites, or identification of locations (shown on a map base), on which future waste management development might be acceptable. It is recommended that the District Council suggests that the County and City Councils undertake a review of existing waste management sites and employment land to establish the potential for extensions to existing facilities or the location of new facilities on such sites, with a view to either allocating specific sites, or identifying broad locations on a map base, where future waste management development might be acceptable.
- 3.5 The recommended District Council response seeks to ensure that any proposed new waste management development does not have adverse impacts on existing or future land uses and users, including strategic, allocated and major consented sites, and that the compatibility of uses will be fully assessed through appropriately worded policies.
- 3.6 It is recommended that the District Council response seeks clarity in relation to a number of policies to ensure their effectiveness.

4.0 Equalities Implications

- 4.1 None identified, it is not believed that this issue will have different implications for different groups with protected characteristics.

5.0 Financial Implications (FIN-22/6146)

- 5.1 This report has no direct financial implications. Regarding the issues this report recommends in paragraph 3.3 that the District Council seeks clarity and raises queries, the District Council anticipates receiving the required information through the consultation process outlined in paragraph 2.4. If there are financial implications for the District Council which become apparent upon receipt of the required information, these will be presented to members at the appropriate time.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- a) the report be noted and the proposed response endorsed; and**
- b) subject to any additional comments from Committee that Appendix B be approved as the District Council's response to the consultation.**

Reason for Recommendations

To allow the District Council to respond to the Draft Waste Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation.

Background Papers

Nil

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