

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	13 November 2018
Title:	2018 Review of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That it is recommended to the County Council that an update to the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (2013) is not required at this time, but that a further Review takes place in 2020.
- 1.2. That it is recommended to the County Council that a summary of the review process and the decisions be consolidated and published as a publicly available report, to be entitled the '*2018 Review of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan*'.
- 1.3. That it is recommended to the County Council that a programme of on-going engagement with interested parties commences following publication of the '*2018 Review*' and prior to the further Review in 2020.
- 1.4. That it is recommended to the County Council that authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to update the Minerals & Waste Development Scheme to reflect the decisions of the County Council.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The National Planning Policy Framework (2018) requires that Local Plans should be reviewed to assess whether they require updating at least once every five years¹. The Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (the 'Plan') was adopted in October 2013. Therefore, a Review has been undertaken of the Plan to determine whether it requires to be updated.

¹ National Planning Policy Framework (2018) (Para. 33):
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/740441/National_Planning_Policy_Framework_web_accessible_version.pdf

- 2.2. A recent update to the Planning Practice Guidance suggests that if a local planning authority decides not to update their policies, they should publish the reasons within 5 years of the adoption date of the plan².
- 2.3. The Review assesses each policy to determine its effectiveness based on the monitoring data and an investigation of any issues that are identified. The *2018 Review of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan* concludes that an update of the policies is not required at this time. Where issues are identified, an investigation into the circumstances has been undertaken, and in each case it is concluded that an amendment to the policies is not required. However, it is recognised that in some cases, the data suggests that a more complex issue may arise in the future which could require an update to policy.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A full review of the Plan was considered. However, the Review concluded that the majority of the Development Management (DM) Policies were working effectively. One DM policy was found to be in need of updating based on the monitoring data (Policy 14: Community benefits). However, the basis of the policy is valid, and its revision is not sufficiently significant to warrant an update of the Plan. Whilst the Review of the Minerals & Waste Policies highlights some issues, closer investigation determined that the wording of the policies was still relevant and met requirements.
- 3.2. A partial update to the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (2013) was considered regarding the issue of soft sand provision which is recognised as a regional/national issue. However, the relevant policy (Policy 20: Local land-won aggregate) enables soft sand applications to come forward in addition to those allocations outlined in the Plan. The remaining soft sand allocation (Purple Haze, Ringwood Forest) is also yet to come forward but is likely to do so in the time-period set up in the Plan (post 2018³). Therefore, it was felt that a partial review of the plan was not required at this stage.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

² Planning Practice Guidance (Paragraph: 051 Reference ID: 61-051-20180913) (Revision date: 13 09 2018): <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-making>

³ Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (2013) (Para. 6.77): <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HampshireMineralsWastePlanADOPTED.pdf>

Approved by:

Date:

13 November 2018

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**