

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	9 February 2021
Title:	2020 Review of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan and revised Development Scheme
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Cabinet approves the conclusions of the 2020 Review of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan as set out in the report and recommends that County Council endorses this and also approves its publication following agreement by the plan-making Authorities.
- 1.2. That Cabinet recommends that County Council resolves that the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Development Scheme which sets out the timetable and programme for the partial update of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan comes into effect from March 2021, and authorises the work required to undertake this, subject to agreement by the plan-making partner Authorities.

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.
- 2.2. A Review was undertaken in 2018 based on the data obtained through the annual Monitoring Reports. The 2018 Review concluded that an update of the Plan was not required at that time. However, the 2018 Review also concluded that some of the issues should be kept under review and a commitment was made to undertake a Workshop to explore the issues and a further review of the Plan in 2020.

¹ National Planning Policy Framework (Para. 33) -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/810197/NPPF_Feb_2019_revised.pdf

- 2.3. The 2020 Review of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (see Appendix 1) uses monitoring data but also takes into account the guidance issued by the Planning Advisory Service in 2019 on undertaking reviews of Local Plans.
- 2.4. The 2020 Review recommends that a partial update of the HMWP is undertaken to ensure compliance with national policy but also to ensure that the Plan is delivering a steady and adequate supply of minerals and enabling sustainable waste management provision.
- 2.5. In addition, the Review recommends that the Vision, Plan Objectives, Spatial Strategy and Key Diagram are further reviewed to ensure that all requirements of the Plan are delivered but also that the Vision aligns with the Hampshire 2050, Vision for the Future, Commission of Inquiry recommendations and the climate change agenda.
- 2.6. To support the Plan update, the Review recommends that an assessment of mineral and waste site options is undertaken to ensure any suitable sites for enabling sustainable minerals and waste development are included in the Plan helping provide certainty to the industry and local communities.
- 2.7. The Hampshire Minerals & Waste Development Scheme sets out the timetable and programme for plan-making including when public consultation will take place.
- 2.8. The Development Scheme forms part of the Development Plan, alongside the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan. Hampshire County Council and the partner Authorities have a duty to keep the Development Scheme under review. An update to the Development Scheme is now required based on the proposed partial update to the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan. The new Development Scheme (see Appendix 2) must be approved by full Council.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Completion of the 2020 Review was a fulfilment of a commitment made by Full Council on the 13 November 2018. Plan reviews are also a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework and therefore, the option to not complete the 2020 Review was rejected.
- 3.2. The option to disregard the conclusions of the 2020 Review was also rejected as parts of the Plan are not in compliance with national policy and require updating. An out-of-date plan makes it difficult to influence the location and type of development. This could result in planning applications for minerals and waste development being submitted and decided on an ad-hoc / 'first come' basis which would create lack of certainty for local communities and industry to where development could take place. A consequence of this could be that development may be permitted at sites which have greater impacts on their surroundings.
- 3.3. The option to postpone acting upon the conclusions of the 2020 Review was also rejected. Despite the uncertainties over the outcome of the Planning White Paper – Planning for the Future, the Chief Planner from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has stated that Local Authorities should not stall on preparing their Plans and should continue to be

proactive. It is expected that the programme for the partial Plan update will be within any transition period for changes to the planning system.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

9 February 2021

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**