

**West of England Partnership
Planning, Housing & Communities Board
22 April 2010**

Joint Waste Core Strategy

(Report of the Council's Planning Directors and Chief Executive of the Partnership)

Purpose of Report

1. To report the outcome of the further work authorised by the Planning, Housing & Communities Board on 18 March, and the Partnership Board on 25 March, and,
2. To seek the views of the Planning, Housing & Communities Board Members on the course of action now proposed to progress the Joint Waste Core Strategy.

Context

3. At the Boards' meetings on 18 and 25 March it was reported that officers were seeking further advice on representations received in relation to the Landfill Policy 8, namely:
 - That the Environment Agency (EA) has advised that current available supply of landfill void at St Modwens in Bristol is less than the original figures provided from the site owner.
 - That a developer felt that the criteria would not ensure an adequate supply of landfill sites
 - That the Board itself were concerned about the most appropriate way of dealing with multiple applications for residual waste treatment facilities in any particular area.
 - That GOSW and other agencies had sought clarification of the Spatial Strategy.
4. The Boards authorised the Chief Executive of the Partnership and Heads of Planning, in conjunction with Planning Directors, to consider further possible responses and to reach conclusions on any further action required.

Supply of landfill sites

5. **Additional landfill capacity required (Appendix A revised Para 6.11.2)** further investigations by Bristol City Council Officers have established that the future available capacity at the St Modwens landfill site is uncertain and should be excluded from the existing capacity figures in the evidence base.
6. This means that the original estimate at para 6.11.2 has been increased to 5.9 to 6.5 million cubic metres of non-hazardous landfill void within the sub-region throughout the plan period.
7. **Criteria that ensure an adequate supply of landfill sites. (Appendix A and Policy 8)** the changes proposed to clarify the policy; to meet the responses received following 'soundness' consultation, are set out at Appendix A.

Recommendation

8. Subject to Board Members views it is proposed that these changes in the landfill section of the Joint Waste Core Strategy be the subject of a further 6 week consultation from 10 May with a report to the Board in early July.

Dealing with multiple applications for residual waste treatment facilities in any particular area (Appendix B Para 6.8.11-12)

Recommendation

9. Subject to Board Members views it is proposed that the changes to Para 6.8.11-12 be the subject of a further 6 week consultation from 10 May with a report to the Board in early July.

Clarification of the Spatial Strategy (Appendix C)

Recommendation

10. Subject to Board Members views it is proposed that the clarifying revisions to this section be adopted.

Budget considerations

11. It is proposed that the consultation be for a period of 6 weeks, that the consultation is advertised in the local press and on the West of England website and that the Stakeholders and Consultees are notified directly as with previous consultation.
12. In 2010/11 there will be unplanned budget implications of this further round of consultation. These will include costs for advertising, printing and distribution of documentation to one stop shops and Council Offices, as well as any additional independent advice required. These additional costs are being estimated and will be discussed with Heads of Planning against current budget provision. In 2009/10 actual costs of the Joint Waste Core Strategy project were £30,000 less than budget.

Timetable

13. Public consultation for a period of six weeks during May/June 2010, will delay the submission of the Joint Waste Core Strategy to the Secretary of State to July 2010, with an examination likely in October/November 2010.

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