

**West of England Partnership
Planning, Housing & Communities Board
22nd January 2009**

Joint Waste Core Strategy –Progress Report

Purpose of report

- To inform members about the progress of the Consultation on the Preferred Options Document of the Joint Waste Core Strategy.
- To advise members of the progress in the appointment of a consultant to project manage and provide technical support to the remaining stages of the Joint Waste Core Strategy.

Background

1. On January the 15th the West of England Partnership Authorities will begin a consultation on the Preferred Options stage of the Joint Waste Core Strategy. The consultation will seek to clarify the range of views held by the industry, environmental and other groups and the general public on where new waste facilities could be located and to comment on how the authorities are approaching the preparation of the Joint Waste Core Strategy. The outcomes of the consultation will be used in drafting the submission document during 2009.

Progress

2. Consultants have been appointed to manage the consultation process and to provide a summary of the responses. The Consultation will be held between January 15th and March 12th 2009. The Consultation Plan has taken into account the requirements of the Statements of Community Involvement of the unitary authorities.
3. A Preferred Options Consultation Document has been produced along with a short information leaflet, 'Planning for Waste Treatment Facilities', which provides an introduction to the issues that are covered in more detail in the full consultation document. These documents have been distributed to Council Offices, One Stop shops, and Libraries and are also available to download from the West of England Partnership Website.
4. The consultation website www.westofengland.org/waste hosts the consultation document and supporting information, and allows responses to be made online to a series of consultation questions. Alternatively, responses can be submitted via paper forms or forms contained within the consultation document.

5. Alongside this process, a series of 12 drop-in sessions near potential development sites will take place between February 2nd and March 4th. These events will be advertised in the local press and a full schedule of all drop-in sessions is available on the website (attached to this report). Invitations to these drop-in events have been sent out to previous consultees from; the Issues and Options Consultation, Core Strategy Consultations, Statutory consultees; and Parish Councils.

6. A Stakeholder Workshop event has been scheduled for February 6th and invitations have been sent out to Key Stakeholders and Executive Members for Waste and Planning.

Progressing the Joint Waste Core Strategy to adoption.

7. Consultants are being appointed to project manage and provide technical support to the remaining stages of preparation of the Joint Waste Core Strategy. The work will include an appraisal or 'health-check' of the work undertaken to date and the further work to be undertaken to address any shortcomings and progress the strategy through to adoption. The further work to be undertaken will be set out as a project plan, to be up-dated quarterly, in order to facilitate rapid progress with this work and the early adoption of the Joint Waste Core Strategy.

Recommendation

8. **Members are invited to note the report.**

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Appendix A: Consultation: Drop-in Sessions schedule

Date	Venue	Address	Time
02 February 2009	The Gatehouse Centre, Hartcliffe	Hareclive Road, Bristol, BS13 9JN	15.00-19.00
06 February 2009	Long Ashton Village Hall	Keedwell Hill, Bristol, BS41 9DP	15.00-19.00
09 February 2009	Chipping Sodbury Town Hall	Broad Street, BS37 6AD	15.00-19.00
10 February 2009	Masonic Hall, Keynsham	99 Bath Road, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1SR	15.00-19.00
11 February 2009	BAWA, Filton	589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG	15.00-19.00
13 February 2009	The Campus, Weston-super-Mare	Highlands Lane, Locking Castle, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 7DX	15.00-19.00
17 February 2009	Hollies Council Chamber, Midsomer Norton	The Hollies Building, High Street, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2DP	15.00-19.00
19 February 2009	Easter Compton Village Hall	Main Road, Easter Compton, BS35 5SJ	15.00-19.00
20 February 2009	The Vassell Centre, Fishponds	Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ	15.00-19.00
23 February 2009	Guildhall, Bath	High Street, Bath, BA1 1LZ	12.00-16.00
26 February 2009	Avonmouth Community Centre	257 Avonmouth Road, Bristol, BS11 9EN	15.00-19.00
04 March 2009	Knowle Methodist Church Hall	Wells Road, Bristol, BS4 2EP	15.00-19.00