

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

Cabinet

Date of Committee

2nd February 2006

Report Title

Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Waste Core Strategy - Issues and Options Consultation

Summary

The Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options paper sets out the issues and a range of options for dealing with the scale and broad location of waste disposal facilities. It is due to go out for a 6 week period of consultation between February and April 2006 to give consultees an opportunity to comment on their preferred options.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

Yes/No

Background Papers

None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

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Local Member(s)

(With brief comments, if appropriate)

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Other Elected Members

Councillor P Barnes
Councillor M Jones } For information
Councillor P Morris-Jones

Cabinet Member

(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Councillor C Saint – comments included, as they were provided at the Minerals and Waste Development Framework Policy Panel.

Chief Executive

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- Legal I Marriott – agreed.
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet 13th July – Issues and options to be reported back, together with Draft Preferred Options and Proposals.
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Cabinet – 2nd February 2006

Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Waste Core Strategy - Issues & Options Consultation

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options paper for a 6 week period of consultation between February and April 2006.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) requires all strategic authorities to make provision for facilities to dispose of all the County's waste. Currently the Waste Local Plan guides the development of waste sites, but this will be replaced by the new Waste Development Framework, which will consist of a Waste Core Strategy and Waste Site Allocation document. Site-specific allocations will not be considered until March 2008.
- 1.2 Work on the Waste Core Strategy commenced in June 2005 with the Waste Core Strategy Preliminary Consultation. The results from this consultation were considered by the Minerals and Waste Development Framework Policy Panel on 5th October 2005 and were incorporated into the Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options paper. Copies of the Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options paper will be available in the Group Rooms for Members to view, and are also available to Members on request. The Policy Panel also considered the Issues and Options paper on 14th December 2005 and their views have been incorporated into the final document.

2. The Consultation

- 2.1 The purpose of the consultation is to determine the broad approach of the plan, by asking consultees to select their preferred approach from a number of options (attached as **Appendix A**).
- 2.2 The Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options paper broadly sets out the policy context at an international, national, and regional level, within which the Waste Development Framework must operate to ensure that waste is managed in the most sustainable way possible.

- 2.3 This is followed by an exploration of the issues around the development of suitable waste operations accompanied by a number of options for dealing with these issues. Each option has been evaluated in the light of its contribution to sustainability objectives – this is not intended as the basis for making decisions, but simply to assist in the decision-making process.
- 2.4 Table 1 summarises the key issues and options from the Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options paper.

Table 1: Key Issues and Options for Waste Core Strategy

Key Issues		Option A	Option B	Option C
1	Delivering Sustainable Waste Management Practices	Moderate site allocation approach	Market-driven approach	Comprehensive site allocation approach
2	Municipal Waste Management Practices	Market-driven approach	Moderate policy-driven approach	Policy-driven approach including targets
3	Industrial and Commercial Waste Management Practices	Market-driven approach	Moderate policy-driven approach	Policy-driven approach including targets
4	Construction and Demolition Waste Management Practices	Market-driven approach	Moderate policy-driven approach	Policy-driven approach including targets
5	Hazardous Waste Management Practices	Market-driven approach	Moderate policy-driven approach	
6	Waste Management Treatment and Disposal Options	Predominantly landfill with some recycling and composting	Mixture of alternative technologies, with recycling and composting taking precedence over landfill	Advanced thermal treatment without any reliance on landfill
7	Waste Management Location Options	Predominantly urban locations	Predominantly rural locations	
8	Scale of Waste Management Facilities	Centralised facility supported by smaller dispersed facilities	Only small dispersed facilities	
9	Utilisation of Existing Sites and Novel Sites	Extending existing facilities	Developing new sites	
10	Protection of Environmental Resources	Protecting sites that are statutorily protected	Protecting sites of local significance as well	
11	Transport Infrastructure	Site facilities close to the waste source	Ensure sustainable mix of transport strategies as part of site allocations	
12	Site Decommissioning and Restoration	Strategic approach to decommissioning and restoration	Site-specific decommissioning and restoration practices	

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 This is the second 6 week period during which views will be sought on the future direction of the Waste Core Strategy. Responses to this consultation will form the basis on which policies will emerge during the next - and penultimate - stage of consultation.

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16th January 2006

Waste Core Strategy: Issues & Options Questionnaire

KEY OBJECTIVES FOR THE WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Section 6 pages 23-24

1) Do you agree with this vision?

- Yes No Unsure

2) What amendments would you make to the Waste Development Framework vision?

3) Do you agree with the objectives as set out in this Issues and Options paper?

- Yes No Unsure

4) What additional objectives (if any) should be used to guide the evolving Issues and Options paper?

KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Section 7 pages 25 - 84

Delivering Sustainable Waste Management Practices

Pages 25 - 29

5a) In the development of the Waste Development Framework, should Warwickshire County Council adopt a site selection approach based on:

- Option A;
 Option B; or
 Option C.

5b) Reasons for answer.

6a) Should Warwickshire County Council pursue a strategy to move waste as far as possible up the waste hierarchy?

- Yes No Unsure

6b) Reasons for answer.

7a) Do you support the idea of the 'proximity principal' with the aim of delivering waste management practices which address waste as close to the point of origin as possible?

- Yes No Unsure

7b) Reasons for answer.

7c) What other options are there for managing waste according to sustainable waste management practices, but which do not include managing waste as close to the source as possible?

Municipal Waste Management Practices

Pages 30 - 35

8a) Should:

- Option A;
 Option B; or
 Option C

be selected in terms of identifying future need for municipal waste management in the County?

8b) Reasons for answer.

9a) What other options are there in terms of determining the geographical need for municipal waste management treatment facilities?

9b) Is the growth rate considered:

- Optimistic Pessimistic

9c) Should the growth rate be considered in formulating strategy?

- Yes No Unsure

9d) Reasons for answer

Industrial and Commercial Waste Management Practices

Pages 36 -40

10a) Should:

- Option A;
 Option B; or
 Option C

be selected in identifying the provision of future Industrial & Commercial waste facilities within the County?

10b) Reasons for answer.

11a) Is the growth scenario considered appropriate?

- Yes No Unsure

11b) What is the suggested mechanism for a future waste growth scenario in industrial and commercial wastes?

Construction and Demolition Waste Management Practices

Pages 41 - 45

12a) Should:

- Option A;
 Option B; or
 Option C.

be selected in identifying the provision of future construction and demolition waste facilities within the County?

12b) Reasons for answer.

13a) Is the growth scenario considered appropriate?

- Yes No Unsure

13b) What is suggested in terms of a more appropriate growth scenario in construction and demolition wastes?

Hazardous Waste Management Practices

Pages 46 - 50

14a) Should:

- Option A; or
 Option B

be selected in identifying the provision of future hazardous waste facilities within the County?

14b) Reasons for answer.

15a) Is the growth scenario considered appropriate?

- Yes No Unsure

15b) What is suggested in terms of a more appropriate growth scenario in hazardous wastes?

Waste Management Treatment and Disposal Options

Pages 51 - 59

16a) Should:

- Option A;
 Option B; or
 Option C

be pursued in respect of policy support for the waste hierarchy?

16b) Reasons for answer.

17) What other alternative technology approaches should be considered?

Waste Management Location Options

Pages 60 - 63

18a) Should:

- Option A; or
- Option B

be selected in defining the approach to locating future waste management treatment locations?

18b) Reasons for answer.

19a) Should the proximity principal be the overriding feature in determining locational characteristics of new facilities?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

19b) Reasons for answer.

Scale of Waste Management Facilities

Pages 64 -67

20a) Should:

- Option A; or
- Option B

be selected in determining the scale of waste management facilities?

20b) Reasons for answer.

21) How far should external factors (transport infrastructure, protection of the environment and human health) guide the scale of waste management facilities?

Utilisation of Existing Sites and Novel Sites

Pages 68 - 71

22a) Should:

- Option A; or
- Option B

be supported in respect of waste management policy?

22b) Reasons for answer.

Protection of Environmental Resources

Pages 72 - 75

23a) Should:

- Option A; or
- Option B

be pursued in respect of preserving environmental resources and delivering sustainable waste management practices?

23b) Reasons for answer.

24) What decommissioning and restoration measures should be adopted following the cessation of waste management practices?

Transport Infrastructure

Pages 76 - 79

25a) Should:

- Option A or
- Option B

be included within the policy?

25b) Reasons for answer.

26a) Should transportation effects be considered in planning new waste management facilities?

Yes No Unsure

26b) Reasons for answer.

Site Decommissioning and Restoration

Pages 80 - 83

27a) Should:

Option A; or
 Option B

be pursued within the policy?

27b) Reasons for answer.

28) Should the Council include specific measures aimed at ensuring site developers enter into agreements for site restoration?

Yes No Unsure

29) Should communities be involved in decisions on restoration aimed at delivering local improvements to the public realm?

Yes No Unsure

Monitoring Regime and Stakeholder Engagement

Page 84

30) Should the effectiveness of the policy be monitored?

Yes No Unsure

31) Should the resident liaison committees be involved in the monitoring programme for all waste treatment facilities?

Yes No Unsure

32) Should developers encourage community and stakeholder engagement in delivering waste management facilities?

Yes No Unsure