

REPORT OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE

The Committee met on 23 November 1999. Attendances:-

Councillor Rogers (Chairman),
Councillors Birch, Bridger, Field, Skinner and Tutt.

1 Waste Local Plan – Deposit Draft

Background

1.1 In June 1999 the County Council endorsed the continuing development of the strategy set out in the consultation draft of the Waste Local Plan (WLP). This was based on the waste hierarchy of reduction, re-use, recovery and disposal and would require major materials recovery facilities, energy from waste plants and landraising sites for its implementation. The County Council agreed to place the next draft of the Plan on formal deposit on 21 January 2000.

1.2 The Council received a further report from the Committee in September, summarising the main issues arising from the consultation on the draft WLP and outlining a number of changes to the draft Plan which were considered to be necessary in the light of the representations received.

Current Situation

1.3 On 19 November, the Joint Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (JoSPAC) of the County Council and Brighton and Hove Council considered the initial draft of the Deposit Draft Waste Local Plan together with recommendations about which sites should be allocated for strategic waste uses to be developed in the plan period to 2011. (A copy of the joint officers' report to JoSPAC is being circulated separately to all members.)

1.4 The full resolution of JoSPAC is set out below:

"To recommend the constituent authorities to:

- (1) note and agree the broad revised format and content of the deposit draft Plan;
- (2) note the additional work that has been carried out on site assessment and agree the allocation of the following preferred strategic sites and areas of search in the deposit draft Plan;

Location	Type of Facility
Hollingdean Depot and Abattoir preferred area of search, Brighton	Materials recovery facility
Hangleton Bottom preferred site, Hove	Materials recovery facility
Coalyard adjacent to Sackville Trading Estate preferred site, Hove	Road to rail transfer

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Location	Type of Facility
North Quay preferred area of search, Newhaven	Energy from waste/materials recovery facility/road to rail transfer
Beddingham landfill preferred site, Beddingham	Landraising
Veal's Farm (formerly Broomham Farm) preferred area of search, Ripe	Landraising
Diplocks Way Industrial Estate preferred site, Hailsham	Materials recovery facility
Pebsham landraise preferred site, Bexhill	Landraising
Maresfield Camp preferred area of search, Maresfield	Materials recovery facility
Mountfield Mine preferred area of search	Energy from waste and materials recovery facility.

- (3) ask the officers to prepare a report prior to the County Council meeting on 15 December giving serious consideration to the consequences of locating an energy from waste facility at Beddingham, as an alternative to Newhaven;
- (4) agree the policies, content and structure of the draft Plan and recommend that the parent authorities delegate overall editorial control of the text and further drafting changes to the Directors after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of JoSPAC;
- (5) recommend to the parent authorities that the Plan be placed on deposit."

1.5 The Committee has considered how the Waste Local Plan should be handled. It is of great strategic significance and also has wide-ranging implications for so many areas. In the light of this, the Committee has agreed that it would be appropriate for the Deposit Draft to be considered by the Council in committee and not debated by the Committee so as to enable all members, including those who represent areas likely to be most affected, to participate fully in the debate and the decision making process. This procedure would also allow a fuller and more informal debate without the procedural restrictions which apply to County Council debates. It would allow officers to introduce reports or be asked to respond to questions and give advice.

1.6 For these reasons the Committee has referred the issues involved to the County Council for consideration and suggests to the Council that to facilitate debate it should resolve itself into committee in order to consider the recommendations to be made to the County Council which will need to cover the following issues in the light of the JoSPAC recommendations:

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- (a) agreement of the policies, content and structure of the draft Plan and a delegation of overall editorial control of the text and further drafting changes to the Directors of the joint authorities after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of JoSPAC;
 - (b) the allocation of preferred strategic sites and areas of search in the deposit draft Plan; and
 - (c) authorisation for the Plan to be placed on deposit.

(Additional background information and a copy of the revised Deposit Draft Waste Local Plan reflecting the recommendations of JoSPAC are being circulated separately to members.)

DAVID ROGERS

Chairman

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