

<b>CABINET</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 10</b>
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**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN – THE LOCATION AND DESIGN OF WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (ADOPTION VERSION)**

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
<b>FROM :</b> Paul Phillipson, Executive Director Operations	<b>Deadline date :</b> June 2011
<p>Cabinet is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve, for adoption on 19 July 2011, The Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The adoption of the SPD is also being considered concurrently by Members of Cambridgeshire County Council for adoption on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011; and</li> <li>2. Agree that the Head of Planning, Transport and Engineering approves any minor and inconsequential amendments to the SPD that may arise from the equivalent passage of the SPD through Cambridgeshire County Council's adoption process.</li> </ol>	

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following approval by Council of a consultation draft SPD on 2 December 2009 and the subsequent approval by Council on 13 April 2011 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy. The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Policy CS24 is the overarching design policy, whereas the detailed design guidance is provided by this SPD.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to enable Cabinet to approve The Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities SPD (adoption version) (hereafter referred to simply as the 'SPD') for adoption on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

2.2 The SPD (adoption version) is available at Appendix A.

2.3 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.1, to take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategic Executive functions within the Council's Major Policy and Budget Framework and lead the Council's overall improvement programmes to deliver excellent services.

### 3. **TIMESCALE**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>No</b>
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### 4. **PETERBOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: THE LOCATION AND DESIGN OF WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES (CONSULTATION DRAFT VERSION)**

#### **Introduction**

4.1 The SPD provides additional guidance to that set out in Policy CS24 “Design of Sustainable Minerals and Waste Management Facilities” as found within the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, which itself has already been agreed for adoption on 19 July 2011.

4.2 The existing ‘The Location and Design of Major Waste Management Facilities SPD’ (adopted April 2006) will be superseded by this new SPD.

#### **Purpose**

4.3 Waste management facilities in the past have been regarded as being of low quality and poorly designed, often detracting from the area around them. It is now recognised that in order to achieve the necessary step change in the delivery of sustainable waste management, a corresponding change in the standards of design of facilities is required.

4.4 Design is not simply how a building or facility looks There are opportunities through design for waste facilities to achieve greater integration or assimilation with surrounding uses; minimising the visual impact of development; and maximising sustainability through use of sustainable materials, sustainable drainage and energy efficiency proposals. The purpose of this SPD is to provide guidance on the matters which need to be addressed including:

- siting / layout;
- built form;
- local distinctiveness and integration;
- landscape and boundary treatments;
- access, parking and circulation;
- lighting;
- noise, dust and odour mitigation measures;
- energy efficiency, addressing such matters as landform, layout, building orientation, massing and landscaping to minimise energy consumption
- water conservation measures;
- sustainable construction, including waste management audits; and
- co-location with other facilities.

4.5 The guidance is being prepared as a SPD, which means that it will be a material consideration which must be taken into account when determining planning applications. The process of preparing the SPD is governed by planning regulations. This first stage was the preparation of a draft document followed by public consultation. This consultation took place in February - March 2010, alongside the Proposed Submission consultation on the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy. Consulting at the same time enabled people to see how the documents relate.

### 5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 During the public consultation on the SPD the Council received responses from 16 individuals / organisations which raised around 136 representations. These representations have been considered, and together with a suggested response, have been collated into a Statement of Consultation. This includes suggested amendments to the SPD which have been put forward in response to the comments received.

- 5.2 The main issues raised cover the following:
- the need to update and expand the section on Other Relevant Documents and include reference to local guidance which may be available from the District / City Councils;
  - the need to re-structure the section on Other Relevant Documents so it is clearer;
  - the need to add key principles, notably 'energy efficiency', in the section on Sustainable Construction;
  - the need to update the SPD to reflect the adoption version of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy; and
  - the need to include additional advice on assimilating waste management development in areas which are open, and where additional planting may not be appropriate.
- 5.3 Officers welcome these suggestions, and have incorporated revised wording in the SPD to meet all the points.
- 5.4 If approved by Cabinet, the document will be adopted on 19 July 2011, subject to the exception highlighted in para 5.5 below.
- 5.5 The adoption of the SPD is being considered concurrently by Members of Cambridgeshire County Council. It is possible therefore that Cambridgeshire County Council request changes to be made to the SPD prior to adoption. Given this, it is recommended that Cabinet delegate to the portfolio holder for Growth to approve any such amendments to the SPD, should such circumstances arise prior to the SPD being considered for adoption on 19 July 2011, unless the changes are of such significance which would warrant re-consideration by Cabinet.

## **6 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 It is anticipated that Cabinet will adopt the SPD, and in doing so it will form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF).

## **7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Cabinet is recommended to adopt the SPD because it will help deliver high quality waste management facilities development in both urban and rural locations, providing guidance to both Development Management officers, committee members and developers alike. There are no overriding objections as to why the SPD should not be adopted.

## **8 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 Whilst not a statutory requirement to produce the SPD, the alternative option of not producing this document was rejected because:
- There has been support for the production of the document, across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in recognition of the planned growth in waste management facilities required to support the 'growth agenda';
  - The document will greatly assist planning officers and Members in determining planning applications to bring about improved design and quality of waste management facilities in Peterborough, and thereby encourage better waste management practice and outcomes; and
  - The document is entirely in line with the Government guidance on Planning for Sustainable Waste Management (PPS10) and the Council agreed Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.

## **9 IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 **Legal Implications** - The Council must follow due Regulations in preparing the SPD. If the SPD is adopted by Cabinet, the Council has a legal duty to determine planning applications in accordance with the policies contained within the SPD.
- 9.2 **Financial Implications** – None, other than small costs associated with arranging and conducting the public consultation and, assuming it is approved, the subsequent printing of the adoption version of the document, all of which are budgeted for.
- 9.3 **Other Implications** – As with all planning policy documents, there are social, economic and environmental implications with this SPD because it will directly influence how development will be built.

## 10 **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

- None.

**A COPY OF**

**THE LOCATION AND DESIGN OF  
WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES**

**SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

**IS ATTACHED**

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