

Recommendations to the Council

The First Review of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan (2010 - 2026)

1. The [Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan 2010 - 2026](#) (the Waste Local Plan) was prepared jointly with Stoke-on-Trent City Council and was adopted in March 2013. [New regulations](#) which came into effect on 6 April 2018 require us to complete a review of the waste and minerals local plans every 5 years, starting from the date of adoption of the local plan, in accordance with [section 23](#) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (adoption of local development documents). [Planning Practice Guidance on plan-making](#), published on 13 September 2018, sets out what authorities can consider when determining whether policies should be updated.

Waste Planning Authorities have an important enabling role in the delivery of waste management facilities and an up to date Waste Local Plan is essential as it provides clarity for developers and communities about where the facilities should be built and the environmental standards by which they should operate.

A joint review has been carried out with Stoke-on-Trent City Council. The accompanying First Review of the Waste Local Plan, December 2018 (the review document) (Appendix 1) and Appendices (Appendix 2), provides our assessment of how well our waste planning policies have been performing and explains how we have reached the conclusion that the Plan does not need to be revised at this time. Overall, the review document concludes that the Waste Local Plan is performing well and is providing an effective planning policy framework for the determination of planning applications for waste development in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. The Waste Local Plan is also in conformity with national waste planning policy and guidance and there have been no changes to local circumstances or our strategic priorities which would suggest that revisions to the waste planning policies are necessary. Therefore, the Waste Local Plan can continue to carry weight in the determination of planning applications for waste development.

A report on the review was considered by [7 February 2019 Planning Committee](#) (Item 5) and by the [20 February 2019 Cabinet](#) (Item 9). The Planning Committee and Cabinet endorsed the conclusions of the First Review of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan, that there is no need to revise our Waste Local Plan. Officers at the City Council are also seeking formal sign off of the conclusions of the review document. Finally, as the Regulations require us to publish the reasons why we have reached our conclusions, the review document will be published on our [Waste Local Plan web page](#).

2. **Recommend** that:

Full Council accept the conclusions of the First Review of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan (2010 – 2026) that there is no need to revise our Waste Local Plan at this time so that it can continue to carry weight in the determination of planning applications for waste development*.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

* As the Plan was jointly adopted by Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council in 2013, a joint review has been carried out. Stoke-on-Trent City Council are also seeking formal sign off of the conclusions of the review document.

Appendices listed below are available on-line

Appendix 1: [First Review](#) of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan - December 2018

Appendix 2: First Review of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan - December 2018 - [Appendices](#)