



Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday 20 February 2019

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

Cllr Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth said,

“We have reviewed our Waste Local Plan for the first time and we are satisfied that there is no need to change it. The Plan is performing well in delivering both new waste management facilities and new capacity to recycle and treat waste.

“Planning policies have resulted in sites operating to higher environmental standards, while there is a significant reduction in the amount of waste, particularly household waste, sent to landfill.

“Finally the Plan is also bringing economic benefits to the area as new jobs are created in the waste recovery field.”

Report Summary:

The attached First Review of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan confirms that our waste planning policies are performing well and there is no need to revise the Plan.

Recommendations

I recommend that:

- a. Cabinet endorses 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*.

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Local Members Interest
N/A

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Report of the Director of Economy, Infrastructure and Skills

Reasons for Recommendations:

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.
2. 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.
3. 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 A), 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.

4. A report on the review was taken to our Planning Committee on 7 February 2019 (Appendix B) for endorsement and is to be reported to Full Council on 21 March 2019. Officers at the City Council are also seeking formal sign off of the conclusions of the review document. If necessary, a verbal update will be provided at the meeting. 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.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Appendix A: First Review of the Waste Local Plan, December 2018

[Appendix B: Planning Committee – 7 February 2019 – Report on the First Review of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan \(2010 – 2026\)](#)
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