Norfolk County Council

Record of Cabinet Member decision

Responsible Cabinet Member:

Cllr Andy Grant – Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste

Background and Purpose:

Norfolk County Council, as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, has a statutory duty to produce and maintain an up-to-date Minerals and Waste Local Plan which forms the basis for determining any relevant planning applications that are lodged with the authority. The provision of a steady and adequate supply of minerals and the management of waste constitute essential infrastructure to support the economic development of the county.

The background to the Preferred Options consultation stage of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review was detailed in the report to Cabinet on 5 August 2019. The recommendation to publish the Preferred Options document for a six-week public consultation was approved at the Cabinet meeting. The draft document is available at: <u>Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review</u>.

At their 5 August 2019 meeting, Cabinet also approved the recommendation to delegate responsibility to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste (in consultation with the Executive Director of CES) to make minor corrections and non-material changes to the consultation document that are identified prior to publication, if required.

Since the Cabinet meeting, some minor corrections and non-material changes to the Preferred Options document have been identified and are detailed in Appendix 1 to this report. It is recommended that the corrections and changes in Appendix 1 are made to the Preferred Options consultation document prior to publication, in accordance with one of the agreed recommendations from the Cabinet meeting.

Decision: To agree to the minor corrections and non-material changes to the Preferred Options consultation document that are detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Is it a key decision?	No
Is it subject to call in?	Yes
If Yes – Deadline for Call in	4pm – Monday 2 September 2019.

Impact of the Decision:

Making the proposed minor corrections and non-material changes to the Preferred Options consultation document (detailed in Appendix 1 to this report) will enable the Preferred Options document to be factually correct and will include an additional reason why site MIN 23 at Beeston is unsuitable for allocation, in accordance with the consultation response made by the Highway Authority.

Evidence and reason for the decision:

All the proposed changes are supported by one or more of the following: National Planning Policy, written submissions from statutory consultees or Norfolk County Council's spatial data.

Alternative options considered and rejected: None

Financial, Resource or other implications considered:

There are no financial or resource implications associated with this decision.

It is not considered that the human rights of local residents or the owners of the proposed allocation sites would be infringed by the minor corrections and non-material changes proposed to be made to the Preferred Options Consultation document.

The Council's planning functions are subject to Equality Impact Assessments. The Preferred Options version of the M&WLP is a consultation document and the consultation will be carried out in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement, therefore no EqIA issues have been identified at this stage. The Pre-Submission version of the M&WLP, which will contain the planning policies and mineral extraction sites/areas for allocation, will be subject to a full EqIA which will be published at that stage. Any sites allocated in the M&WLP will also need to apply for and be granted planning permission before they are able to operate and an EqIA will be carried out at the planning application stage.

The legal compliance of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan will form part of the examination carried out by an independent Planning Inspector in 2021.

There are no Health and Safety implications associated with this decision.

Sustainability Implications: The environmental implications of the M&WLPR are formally assessed as part of the review process, through the Sustainability Appraisal (which includes a Strategic Environmental Assessment) and a Habitats Regulations Assessment. The Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report and the Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment will not be affected by the minor corrections and non-material changes proposed to be made to the Preferred Options Consultation document.

Record of any conflict of interest: None

Background Documents:

• Report considered by the Infrastructure and Development Select Committee meeting on 17 July 2019

• Report considered by the Cabinet meeting on 5 August 2019

• Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review (draft Preferred Options Consultation) (2019)

• Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review (Initial Consultation) (2018)

• Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review (Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report) (2019)

• Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review – Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (Task 1) (2019)

• Waste Management Capacity Assessment 2017 (2019)

• (available at Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review webpage:

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Date of De	cision:	20/08/2019
Publication	n date of decision:	22/08/2019
Signed by Cabinet member:		
I confirm that I have made the decision set out above, for the reasons also set out		
Signed Cllr Andy Grant		
Print name Cllr Andy Grant		
Date	20/08/2019	
Accompanying Documents: Appendix 1		