



MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

To resolve to bring into effect the Scheme (the programme for minerals, waste and supporting planning documents) with amendments from that agreed at County Council on 19 July 2011.

BACKGROUND:

1. The Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, a statutory requirement, is the programme for preparing the minerals and waste development plan and associated documents. The scheme covers the programme for completion of the Aggregates Recycling Development Plan Document (DPD) and the revision of the Statement of Community Involvement. A revised Minerals and Waste Development Scheme was agreed by the County Council on 19 July along with the adoption of the Surrey Minerals Plan. The Department of Communities and Local Government subsequently confirmed that the Council could proceed with the Scheme. In accordance with regulations the Council is now being asked to 'bring the scheme into effect', but with the amendments below to the timetable agreed on 19 July.
2. The consultation on the Aggregates Recycling DPD started, as programmed, on 26 August but, because of mailhouse problems in distributing the notification letters, the consultation end date has been extended to ensure that all consultees have the statutory six weeks in which to submit representations. The extension of the consultation has a knock-on effect on the timetable for the remaining stages of the DPD putting them back by approximately a month: submission to government (November → December 2011) and public examination hearings (February → March/April 2012), with adoption more likely now in October than July 2012.
3. Consultation on the revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was programmed for November 2011 to coincide with the submission of the Aggregates Recycling DPD in order to save on mailing costs. However, draft regulations have since been published removing the detailed prescription for public participation in preparing the SCI. Therefore, it is considered advisable to wait until the new regulations commence next year and then, if appropriate, undertake a more focussed consultation before adoption in July or October 2012.
4. The Department for Communities and Local Government have confirmed that the County Council can proceed with these amendments.

5. The County Council is asked to agree the changes to the timetable and in accordance with regulations to bring the amended scheme into effect.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The County Council is recommended to:

- (1) amend the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme previously agreed on 19 July; and
- (2) resolve that the revised Minerals and Waste Development Scheme October 2011 (Annex A) shall have effect from 12 October 2011.

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Sources/background papers:

Surrey Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

Surrey Minerals Plan – Cabinet Report to Council (item 12) – 19 July 2011
