



Report of the Director of City Development

Development Plan Panel

Date: 13 October 2009

Subject: Leeds LDF Natural Resources and Waste DPD

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document is currently being prepared and is a significant part of the Leeds Local Development Framework (LDF). This DPD aims to provide an integrated approach to managing natural resources within Leeds, to ensure that they are used in the most efficient way and to give an indication of how Leeds will manage its waste now and in the future until 2026. Members will recall, that this DPD (and supporting material) has been subject to "Issues and Alternative Options" public consultation (May - June 2008). Following consideration of the comments received and further technical work, Jacobs (Strategic Design Alliance) and City Council officers (via a Technical Steering Group), have developed this 'Policy Position' report.
2. The purpose of this report is to seek Development Plan Panel member's consideration of the 'Policy Position' document (and related attachments), as a basis for a further period of (informal) consultation in Autumn 2009. This will then inform the development of the DPD, prior to formal Publication and Submission in 2010. It should be noted that due to the detailed nature and quantity of technical information in support of this DPD, a "Map Book" of areas and sites, will also be made available to members at the meeting.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 To outline the scope and content of the Natural Resources & Waste DPD and for members consideration of a 'Policy Position' document (and related attachments), as a basis for a period of informal consultation in Autumn 2009.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 From previous consideration of the Local Development Scheme, members are aware that a series of Development Plan Documents are currently being prepared as part of the Local Development Framework. Once adopted, these will form part of the statutory Development Plan for Leeds, setting out a framework for planning policy and where appropriate, site specific allocations. Within this context, the scope of the Natural Resources & Waste DPD is to provide a basis to manage natural resources and within this wider context, plan for waste management and to ensure development considers the resource and waste implications implicit in its activities.

- 2.2 The Natural Resources and Waste (NR&W) DPD is being prepared under the following programme:
- Engagement and Information gathering stage (Issues & Alternative Options)
 - 'Policy Position' consultation
 - Publication & Submission
 - Independent Examination
 - Adoption

- 2.3 Following the successful completion of Issues & Alternative Options, this Policy Position document is now presented as the emerging policy direction the City Council is intending to take on each of the key topics included in the NRWDPD. These include:
- Land Use
 - Minerals
 - Water Resources
 - Air Quality
 - Energy
 - Waste

3.0 Progress to Date & Next Steps

Progress to date

- 3.1 Members will recall that, the Issues and Alternative Options of the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document (NRWDPD) was presented to Plans Panel in December 2007, along with the evidence base that had been developed at that time:
- A detailed and wide ranging policy review undertaken across a range of sectors (and not solely planning policy);
 - The Natural Resource Flow Analysis scoping report;
 - Informal consultation to date carried out with stakeholders to inform the issues.
- 3.2 Following that meeting, work continued on the Natural Resource Flow Analysis and a full report was issued as part of the formal consultation to support the Issues and Alternative Options document. An Ecological Footprint was also developed from this data and members were provided with a summary of the key issues and findings.

- 3.3 An Initial Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the objectives and alternative policy options was also completed as part of Issues & Alternative Options stage and a final SA will be completed as part of the Publication and Submission process.
- 3.4 Members were given an update on the progress of the NRWDPD at Development Plans Panel on 10 March 2009. At that time the update report was accompanied by a summary of the natural resource flow analysis and ecological footprint of Leeds, a summary of consultees views that were received at Issues and Alternative Options stage and a copy of the Consultation Report. All of which have helped to provide the evidence base, which informs the production of the Policy Position Report now presented.

Next Steps

- 3.5 The information derived from the evidence base and from the consultation results is incorporated in the Policy Position Report, which is attached for Development Plan Panel consideration. It should be emphasised that the document, sets out emerging policy approaches for the topics describes in para. 2.3 above. With regard to minerals and waste, where appropriate, site and area based policy approaches have been incorporated, as a basis to meet the requirements of European Directives, national and regional planning guidance and in order to support the delivery of the City Council's Municipal Waste Strategy. It should be noted also, that the NR&WDPD Policy Position, where necessary, will also need to support and reflect, the emerging Core Strategy and Area Action Plans.
- 3.6 Following informal consultation on the Policy Position document, a "Publication" draft of the DPD, will be prepared for further members consideration, prior to submission. The broad production timetable is set out below.

Consultation on Policy Position document	Nov / Dec 2009
Publication	April 2010
Submission for Independent Examination	June 2010
Examination	Autumn 2010
Adoption	Early 2011

4.0 Legal and resource implications

- 4.1 Once adopted (following Independent Examination), the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document will form part of the Local Development Framework for Leeds (statutory Development Plan).

5.0 Implications for council policy and governance

- 5.1 None at this stage.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 This report (and attachments), sets out the emerging 'Policy Position' on the NR&WDPD, as a basis for further public consultation.

Recommendations

- 7.1 Development Plan Panel is recommended to:

- i). Agree the draft 'Policy Position' document' for public consultation.