



## Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

**Date: 20 December 2012**

### **Subject: Leeds Local Development Framework – Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

### Summary of main issues

1. The Natural Resources & Waste Development Plan Document (DPD) is one of a number of planning documents currently being prepared as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and as such forms part of the council's budget and policy framework, alongside the Core Strategy which was considered by the Board on 1 November. Further DPDs will come to the Board in due course as they are developed.
2. Following the submission and independent examination of the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document the City Council has now received the Inspector's report which concludes that the Plan is 'sound'. The purpose of this report is to provide members of Scrutiny Board with an opportunity to consider the document prior to it being referred to Executive Board and then Council in order to seek formal Adoption of the Plan.
3. The Natural Resources & Waste DPD contains a range of planning policies relating to Minerals & Aggregates, Water Resources, Air Quality, Sustainable Energy Use and Waste, as part of an overall integrated approach, which seeks to minimise and manage the use of natural resources.
4. The document provides policies for determining planning applications which have an effect on minerals, waste, energy, water or air and sets out how the planning system can help to achieve a more efficient use of natural resources. The policies of this DPD will:

- Ensure the responsible and efficient use of natural resources, such as prioritising the use of alternative minerals and measures to reduce the amount of water used in development;
  - Plan for managing future pressure on natural resources, for example, from climate change and housing growth. This includes policies which reduce flood risk, improve air quality and increase renewable energy provision;
  - Increase waste re-use, recycling, composting and residual waste treatment with energy recovery so that as little waste as possible is disposed of at landfill;
  - Provide sufficient land, which includes a range of suitable and sustainably located sites, to deliver new processes which manage waste as a valuable resource;
  - Encourage more use of those resources that don't run out, such as solar, hydro and wind energy; and encourage the production of Low Carbon Energy; and
  - Encourage the movement of freight by alternative means to road, including the transfer of minerals and related products by water.
5. The Natural Resources & Waste DPD is attached, along with the Inspector's report and his suggestions for final changes to the document prior to adoption by council.
6. Any observations from this Board will need to be agreed by correspondence for submission to the Executive Board meeting on 9 January 2013.

### **Recommendation**

7. Members are asked to consider the Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.