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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members inform Derbyshire County Council that they welcome and support the weight given to environmental and community issues in the consideration of planning applications for waste development as set out in policies in the Derby and Derbyshire Waste Local Plan First Deposit Draft.

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2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members about the Derby and Derbyshire Waste Local Plan and to seek their response as part of the consultation exercise. (A copy of the document is available in the Member's Room)

3.0 Detail

3.1 Derby City and Derbyshire County Council have produced a document that contains policies to deal with planning applications for development primarily for the purpose of managing or disposing of waste. The principal aim is to ensure that land use planning for waste in Derbyshire contributes to sustainable waste management by helping achieve the targets set in European legislation and by the Government.

3.2 Policies in the plan seek to ensure that amongst other things waste development:

- is carried out in sustainable locations
- is justified in terms of meeting the needs of the area
- takes account of identified interests of environmental importance
- does not materially impact on people's health
- takes account of cumulative impacts
- does not materially impede or affect the social or economic activities or interests of the community

- 3.3 One of the most important considerations of waste management is the 'proximity principle' that means waste should be disposed of as close as possible to its source. Although this does not mean that all waste generated in a county should also be disposed of within it. However, the sub area of the plan that South Derbyshire lies in is no longer self-sufficient in non-hazardous landfill space as the District's site at Bretby is due to close in 2004.
- 3.4 Derby is the hub of the sub-area and waste traffic passing from the north would have to travel through or around the city to reach treatment or disposal facilities in Swadlincote. Such a journey might not accord with the proximity principle if there were suitable facilities closer but in a different sub-area or county. Areas such as Sutton in Ashfield are already accepting waste from Derbyshire.
- 3.5 The New Albion site in Leicestershire is well placed to take non-hazardous waste from the southern part of the sub-area. The Leicestershire Waste Local Plan Inquiry Inspector accepted that more than half of the site's input might come from Derbyshire and Staffordshire considering that to do so would respect the proximity principle.
- 3.6 In order to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill the plan seeks to require applicants to demonstrate that facilities will be in place for the sorting of all reasonable quantities of recyclable and compostable materials.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 No known costs although as part of an integrated approach to waste management the plan's policies will influence the letting of municipal waste contracts.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The plan helps deliver the corporate key aim 'to safeguard and enhance the natural and built environment.'

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 Policies seek to protect the environment and the community as a whole from the harmful effects of waste management.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 Waste authorities have a duty to prepare development plans for waste in the same way that the District Council prepares a local plan to cover development other than that related to waste and minerals. The plan covers the period up to 2015. The approach adopted is not to identify specific sites for waste development but to identify comprehensive criteria against which proposals will be considered. The reasons for such an approach are the need to deal with uncertainty and to provide flexibility, as there is a lack of reliable information on the quantities and types of future waste.

8.0 Background Paper

- 8.1 None other than those referred to in the report.