

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	West Berkshire Minerals and Waste - Development Plan Document - Call for Sites
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	19 September 2013
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2724

Purpose of Report: To initiate the call for potential mineral and waste development sites that will be assessed prior to the publication for examination of the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document which forms part of the West Berkshire Local Plan

Recommended Action: Approve the "Call for Sites" publication

Reason for decision to be taken: To enable the timely progression of the development of the constituent parts of the West Berkshire Local Plan

Other options considered: None

Key background documentation: Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

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Implications

Policy: None
Financial: None met by existing budgets
Personnel: Not Applicable

Legal/Procurement: Not Applicable

Property: Not Applicable

Risk Management: Not Applicable

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes		Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outcome (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)				
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at www.westberks.gov.uk/eia			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Councillor Gordon Lundie

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Brian Bedwell

Ward Members: N/A

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Keith Woodhams

Local Stakeholders:

Officers Consulted:

Trade Union:

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a public statement setting out details of which development plan documents (DPDs) will be produced by the Council as part of its Local Plan, and the timetable for producing them. The current LDS shows that between 2013 and 2016 the Council is intending to produce a Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document for West Berkshire.
- 1.2 One of the early stages in the production of the Minerals and Waste DPD is to approach land owners, developers, land owning public bodies, land agents and other stakeholders and request details of any site that think has potential to be developed for either mineral activities or waste activities.
- 1.3 Following the “call for sites” all the submissions will be evaluated and a draft Minerals and Waste DPD produced which will be the subject of extensive consultations prior to a final Minerals and Waste DPD being consulted on the spring of 2015. The Minerals and Waste DPD will then be subject to an independent Examination in Public and is scheduled to be adopted by the Council in September 2016.

2. Call for Sites

- 2.1 The attached “Call for Sites” form will be sent to all Parish Councils, land owners, mineral operators waste management operators and the wider public who are invited to put forward potential mineral and waste development sites by 31st December 2013.
- 2.2 The Minerals and Waste team are seeking to gather as much information as possible about potential sites that can inform and provide evidence for preparation of the Minerals and Waste DPD.
- 2.3 The identification of sites does not imply that the Council considers that the site is suitable for development, either now or in the future. It cannot be taken as representing either an intention to allocate these sites, or as a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.
- 2.4 Potential sites that have been identified will be further tested through the plan-making process for Development Plan Documents, including Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment, several stages of public participation and independent examination, under the guidance and direction of the Planning Policy Task Group.

3. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 3.1 There is no decision to be made and therefore no Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

Appendices

Appendix A – Call for Sites Form