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| Report to | Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment |
| Date | 25 July 2005 |
| Report By | Director of Transport and Environment |
| Title of Report | Construction and Demolition Waste Supplementary Planning Document |
| Purpose of Report | To agree a draft Supplementary Planning Document and a draft Sustainability Appraisal Report for public consultation. |

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. To approve the draft Construction and Demolition Waste Supplementary Planning Document, with the accompanying draft Sustainability Appraisal, Report for public consultation.**
 - 2. To authorise the Director of Transport and Environment, in consultation with officers at Brighton & Hove City Council, to make any appropriate detailed amendments to the documents prior to public consultation.**
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The Construction and Demolition Waste Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) gives practical advice to reduce, re-use and recycle construction and demolition waste. The SPD aims to reduce overall waste and divert the waste away from landfill. It also aims to reduce the environmental costs of this form of waste.

1.2 Some public involvement in the preparation of the SPD was carried out in the last financial year. Expenditure in 2005/06 will cover the costs for the proposed public consultation on the draft SPD, consultant's costs in the preparation of the Sustainability Report, and, final adoption of the SPD. These costs will be shared between the County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council on a two thirds/one third basis. The Budget for 2005/06 includes provision for the Minerals Development Framework. Expenditure will be contained within this amount.

2. Supporting Information

Background

2.1 The SPD is a new style document prepared in accordance with the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The document gives further detailed guidance on construction and demolition waste related to policies in the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan (which are "saved" under the new Act) and the emerging policies in the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan (see the attached Appendix for more detail). The SPD provides good practice guidance and identifies the necessary information that should be submitted with relevant planning applications. A copy of the draft SPD is available in the Members' Room.

2.2 The SPD has been prepared jointly with Brighton & Hove City Council and the guidance also relates to emerging policies in the Brighton & Hove City Local Plan.

2.3 The Act also requires that a Sustainability Appraisal is undertaken for the SPD. A draft Report has been prepared by consultants in accordance with Government Guidance (see Appendix). A copy is available in the Members' Room.

Public Consultation and next steps

2.4 The draft SPD and Sustainability Appraisal Report were considered by Brighton & Hove City Council on 8 July 2005. Both documents were approved for public consultation by the City's Environment Committee.

2.5 Consultation on the draft SPD and Sustainability Report will be carried out with a wide range of groups and organisations and industry representatives. It is also proposed to notify directly those individuals who commented on issues relating to construction and demolition waste in the first and second Deposit consultation stages of the Waste Local Plan. The draft SPD will also be publicised in the press and on both the Councils' websites. Copies will also be available on the Waste Local Plan website to download.

2.6 Following the receipt of any comments, the SPD and Sustainability Report will be re-drafted and submitted to both Councils for comment and approval for adoption in Autumn 2005.

3. Environmental Issues

3.1 The draft SPD is based on the principles of sustainable development and environmental issues have been examined in the Sustainability Appraisal Report.

3.2 The Sustainability Appraisal Report is considered to incorporate the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment as required by the European Directive.

4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

4.1 Subject to any detailed re-drafting, the draft SPD represents a sustainable approach to reducing construction and demolition waste and managing its impact.

4.2 Lead Member authority is sought to approve the draft Document and the draft Sustainability Appraisal Report for public consultation.

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Local Member(s): All

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Draft Construction & Demolition Waste SPD.
Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report.
East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Structure Plan.
East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan.

Draft Construction & Demolition Waste SPD

This SPD provides advice to developers on how the main policies on construction and demolition waste can be met when applications for planning permission are made. The draft SPD is split into three parts. Section I provides background information. Section II provides practice guidance, and Section III sets out what supporting information should be provided at the planning application stage.

The range of practical advice presented in the document has industry wide relevance. Rather than being presented as a sustainable design guide this document offers an original approach by requiring early consideration of waste issues and the submission of site waste management plans.

The draft SPD takes into account current Government advice in Planning Policy Statement 1: Delivering Sustainable Development. The Supplementary Planning Document is the first national example which includes the requirement for site waste management plans and offers a range of practical advice and guidance for construction and demolition wastes.

Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report

The draft Sustainability Report identifies the likely effects of the SPD in terms of sustainable development. This is achieved through a review of relevant documents and the collection of analysis of relevant social, environmental and economic baseline conditions, and, appraisal of the SPD options.

The draft Sustainability Report found that the SPD objectives were broadly compatible with those of other relevant plans. In addition the options were appraised and overall the SPD option performed better as the extra guidance reinforced positive benefits arising from the guidance.

The draft Report seeks comments on the Appraisal carried out.