

Committee: **Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment**

Date: **21 December 2015**

Report By: **Director of Communities, Economy and Transport**

Title of Report: **Waste and Minerals - Monitoring Report 2014/15 and Local Aggregate Assessment 2015**

Purpose of Report: **To approve East Sussex County Council's Monitoring Report on Waste and Minerals for publication and adopt the Local Aggregate Assessment 2015**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Lead Member is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the Waste and Minerals Monitoring Report 2014/15; and**
  - (2) Adopt the Local Aggregate Assessment 2015 for publication.**
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## **1. Background Information**

1.1 The production of a Monitoring Report on waste and minerals policies is a statutory requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (P&CPA) (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that mineral planning authorities should prepare an annual Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA). Full copies of both the proposed documents are available in the Members Room.

## **2. Supporting Information**

2.1 To meet legislative requirements, the Monitoring Report covers the following:

- The extent to which policies in the Waste and Minerals Plan (WMP) and Saved Policies in the Minerals Local Plan (MLP) and the Waste Local Plan (WLP) are being achieved; and
- Progress on producing the Policy Documents within the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) – the main document being the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan.
- The Monitoring Report must be in respect of a period which is not longer than 12 months.

2.2 The Executive Summary of the Monitoring Report 2014/15 is enclosed in Appendix 1. Following adoption, the full document will be published on the County Council's website and hard copies will be made available on request. Monitoring data is published for the whole WMP Area covering East Sussex, part of the South Downs National Park and Brighton & Hove. The key findings in this year's report are as follows:

### *Waste*

- In 2014/15, 38% of local authority collected waste (LACW) was recycled (including composted) which is below the 2015/16 WMP target of 45%.
- In 2014/15, 97% of local authority collected waste (LACW) was recycled (including composted) and recovered which is just below the 2015/16 WMP target of 98%.
- In 2014/15, 3% of LACW was sent for land disposal. This has decreased from 40% in 2010/11. In 2014, 58,000 tonnes of waste was sent for land disposal. This was a marked reduction from 2010 when 533,000 tonnes of waste were disposed of to land.
- A recalculation of one of the methods used to estimate Commercial and Industrial Waste (C&I) arisings has been undertaken. Initial results indicate that during the recession C&I fell significantly, but in 2014 returned to their pre-recession levels. No new information relating to Construction Demolition and Excavation Waste has become available.

### *Minerals*

- Data on aggregates production is mainly confidential due to the small number of producers in the area. Available data indicates production of aggregates in 2014 was significantly higher than the anticipated rate.

- The current landbank of aggregates permissions represents about 27 years supply but is decreasing at a fast rate.
- Clay and gypsum continued to be extracted at levels that support brick and tile production, also plasterboard and cement production.

2.3 The NPPF states that authorities should plan for a steady and adequate supply of aggregates. There is a requirement to produce an annual LAA based on a rolling average of 10 years sales data and other relevant local information. The LAA has to consider all supply options (land-won, marine, secondary and recycled material). The Executive Summary of the Draft LAA is enclosed in Appendix 2.

## **Analysis**

2.4 The Draft Waste and Minerals Sites Plan was the subject of public consultation between 4 July and 5 September 2014. A pre-submission consultation on the Sites Plan started on 28 October 2015 and will close on 23 December 2015. A Public Examination is likely to be held in 2016.

2.5 East Sussex County Council continues to work jointly with the South Downs National Park Authority and Brighton & Hove City Council preparing the Waste and Minerals Sites Plan. The preparation of this Plan has involved working closely with the Districts and Boroughs within East Sussex. The Authorities actively participate in regional fora such as the South East Waste Planning Advisory Group and the South East England Aggregates Working Party.

2.6 With regard to waste, the Authorities continue to monitor progress against targets. Achieving future recycling and recovery targets will be challenging.

2.7 With regard to minerals, Policy WMP11 requires the Authorities to maintain provision for land won aggregates at a rate of 0.1m tonnes per annum, and a landbank of permissions of at least 7 years supply. The Authorities are monitoring the situation such that if it appears provision is not being maintained, a specific review of Policy WMP11 will be considered.

2.8 The draft LAA notes the increased production at Lydd Quarry. Current sales though may be enhanced by one off demand for the Bexhill Hastings Link Road. The LAA also notes that the rate of decline of the landbank may increase. The LAA also concludes that the Authorities will continue to monitor the situation at Lydd Quarry. A further Government backed survey will provide more up-to-date information. Any decision to review the minerals policy will take into account available staff, financial resources and appropriate programme.

2.9 Consultations have been carried out on the draft LAA. The South East England Aggregates Working Party supports the current approach in the LAA.

## **3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendations**

3.1 There are some challenges ahead in waste and minerals. It is therefore recommended that the Monitoring Report 2014/15 and the Local Aggregates Assessment should be adopted and published. These reports recognise that the Authorities will continue to work together on these matters and that the position on waste and minerals will be closely monitored.

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### LOCAL MEMBERS

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### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Waste and Minerals Plan (2013)

Submission Draft Waste and Minerals Sites Plan (2015)

Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (June 2012)