

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 6 April 2011)

1. CONSULTATION DOCUMENT: 'HAVING YOUR SAY ON PLANNING FOR HAMPSHIRE'S MINERALS AND WASTE' (REPORT B) (MINUTE NO. 76)

The Cabinet has agreed a response to Hampshire County Council on the 'Having Your Say on Planning for Hampshire's Minerals and Waste' consultation document as set out in sections 3, 4, 5 and 8 of Report B to them, incorporating the comments made by the Planning and Transportation Review Panel.

The document jointly published by HCC, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities sets out proposals for the future supply of minerals and waste facilities for the next twenty years and identifies sites to help meet local demand for sand and gravel.

In particular members are pleased that the sites previously proposed along the coastal strip from Lymington to New Milton have now been excluded. The Council is raising no objection to the sites proposed for the Avon Valley at Bleak Hill Extension, Harbridge; Blue Haze Landfill, Ringwood Forest and Purple Haze, Ringwood Forest.

The Cabinet has agreed though that the Council will object to the inclusion of Forest Lodge Farm, Hythe because of its remoteness from the proposed major development in South Hampshire and traffic congestion in the area. This objection is supported by the fact that the inclusion of the Purple Haze site will give a total yield of 8 million tonnes of predominantly soft sand, as opposed to the Forest Lodge Farm site which will only give a total yield of 400,000 tonnes. The Purple Haze site therefore not only offers a far greater resource but also offers better transport access.

Whilst raising no objection to the inclusion of Roeshot Hill, Christchurch, the Cabinet is still concerned over the possible negative impacts of lorry traffic onto the B3347 and the A35 and the associated safety concerns and has included these points in their response.

2. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2010/11 AND KEY TARGETS 2011/12 (REPORT A) (MINUTE NO. 75)

The Cabinet has considered and noted the achievement against the delivery of key targets for 2010/11 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report A to them.

Members are pleased to note that of the 68 key targets set for 2010/11, 55 have been achieved. 8 were not been achieved and the results for a further 5 not yet known or no longer appropriate.

Key targets are usually set during the Portfolio Planning process but in the absence of formulated plans, given the forthcoming elections and any consequential revision to the corporate plan, setting key targets in that way for 2011/12 is not practical or appropriate.

The Cabinet has therefore supported a small number of high level corporate and strategic targets for 2011/12, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report A to them, to be developed further around the need to refresh the Corporate Plan and in the short term to achieve savings and protect frontline services.

3. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS (REPORT C) (MINUTE NO. 77)

The Cabinet has supported a series of recommendations from the Corporate Overview Panel to the Council in relation to the future structure of the Council's Scrutiny arrangements with a view to them being implemented from May 2011.

In particular they noted that Appendix 1 to Report C to the Cabinet is merely indicative of the issues to be covered and arises from historical descriptions contained in the Council's Constitution. It is only intended to be used as a basis for further development. As with the current scrutiny arrangements, any member will still be able to attend any panel to express a view on any subject of particular interest to them.

4. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (REPORT D) (MINUTE NO. 78)

The Cabinet has agreed, having considered recommendations from the Polling Districts Working Party as supported by the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, some changes to the designation of polling places.

The designation of Polling Districts is a matter for the Council; the designation of Polling Places is a matter for the Cabinet and the designation of Polling Stations a matter for the Returning Officer. In the light of changes to some polling stations the following changes will be made to polling places:

- EX and BA polling districts are designated as the polling place for EX polling district;
- BM and NF polling districts are designated as the polling place for BM polling district; and
- RC and RH polling districts are designated as the polling place for RC polling district.

**Cllr B Rickman
CHAIRMAN**