

Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council

Statement in response to Matters, Issues and Questions

MATTER 6 – IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

Issue: *Whether the implementation and monitoring of the Plan will be effective.*

Questions 1 – 4

1. Is the approach to monitoring and Implementation in the Plan robust and practicable?

- 1.1. Yes, the approach to monitoring and implementation is robust and practicable. [Appendix 1](#), in Chapter 9 of the Plan, contains a detailed table for each policy which provides:
- A key outcome for the policy to achieve and to be measured on.
 - What indicators will be used to assess its performance.
 - Where the information will be sourced to do this assessment.
 - Recognises the constraints and risks to monitoring/ achieving the policy, provides a target to be met.
 - A trigger point for reviewing the policy; and
 - Signs that correction action or mitigation measures are needed.
- 1.2. This provides a clear and practical framework for the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) to sufficiently assess the policies and so the Plans performance. We will take a similar approach to the current AMR and display the monitoring of policies within a summary table, using a traffic light system to indicate how each policy is performing and where potential further exploration or review is needed.
- 1.3. By taking this robust approach, it will be clear for the AMR to conclude whether a review of any policies, or partial or full review of the Plan, is required.

2. Is it clear how the monitoring arrangements demonstrate that the Plan takes a pro-active approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change?

- 2.1. The Plan takes a pro-active approach for waste management facilities to mitigate their impacts on the causes of climate change and to ensure their adaptability to the impacts of climate change. This is reflected in the Plans [Vision](#), [Strategic Objective 2](#), and [Policy SP5](#).
- 2.2. As indicated in the monitoring table for [SP5](#), this policy will be assessed in future AMRs to ensure its effectiveness and that only applications which mitigate and are adaptable to climate change impacts are being approved.
- 2.3. Other policies also reflect the Plans pro-active approach and aim to fulfil [Strategic Objective 2](#). [Policy SP1](#) seeks to reduce waste arisings and move waste up the hierarchy, which will reduce the consumption of natural resources and so emissions. [Policy SP6](#) also strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging sites to consider alternative modes of transporting waste, with [Policy DM3](#) reflecting how the design of facilities can also help reduce their emissions and so their impact on the causes of climate change. [Policy DM7](#) also directs facilities to be designed to minimise their impacts on flood risk and located with consideration of flood risk, which is a key impact of climate change.

- 2.4. All these policies have their own monitoring framework and trigger points which will help identify whether the Plan is helping to mitigate and adapt to climate change, with the corrective action to review the policy if required.
- 3. Does the monitoring process provide for co-operation and participation and are appropriate participants involved? Where monitoring indicates that review/update of the Plan's policies might be necessary how would the monitoring and implementation framework ensure that Councils engage with DtC bodies on a constructive, an active and an ongoing basis on any relevant strategic matters?**
- 3.1. [Paragraph 9.2](#) details how implementing the policies within the Plan is reliant upon the Councils, the waste industry, district councils and local communities and businesses. This recognises their importance in the monitoring and implementation of the Plan and the importance for co-operation and participation. We recognise though that this text could go further to ensure engagement and participation with the relevant bodies and explain what the Councils will do, and continue to do, to ensure this.
- 3.2. We therefore propose main modifications to include within this explanatory text about how we will engage with bodies to ensure their participation within the monitoring process and that the AMR considers any relevant strategic matters. This will be done by continuing to engage with the District and Borough Councils, particularly around the development of their Local Plans which form part of the overall Development Framework for the County Council. This engagement will be reflected in the AMR by highlighting key targets within any Local Plans which may impact waste management. We will also engage with the Borough and District Councils whilst undertaking the AMR to understand their view on the implementation of the Plans policies, in particular Policy [SP1](#), [SP8](#) and [DM1](#).
- 3.3. As well as the District and Boroughs, we will also continue to engage with the East Midlands Resource Technical Advisory Body (EMRTAB), which provides key engagement with neighbouring Waste Planning Authorities. It also builds understanding of both regional and national strategic matters which may affect the Plan, with both the Environment Agency and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities being in attendance. [Paragraph 9.3](#) will be expanded to explain that future AMRs will also report and consider new national targets or regional issues when monitoring the policies and the Plan.
- 3.4. Text will also be added to explain that, should a review of a policy or the Plan be required, the relevant bodies will be consulted from the outset of the review, allowing them to actively engage and influence the development of the policy and Plan.
- 3.5. With these modifications, this will ensure the monitoring process provides for co-operation and participation by appropriate participants and continued constructive engagement on any relevant strategic matters.

- 4. Should the corrective action for SP2 and SP4 include a review of the Plan to consider the allocation of specific sites or areas of search for new waste management facilities?**
- 4.1. The Councils agree and propose main modifications to include, under the corrective action for [SP2](#) and [SP4](#), a review of the Plan and consider the allocation of specific sites or areas of search for waste management facilities.