

Topic Note – Waste Procedures and Conformity

1. This statement has been prepared to inform the Independent Examination for the submitted Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) of the Leicestershire and Leicester Waste Development Framework.
2. This Statement is the Councils' topic note on procedural and conformity matters.

Accordance with the respective Local Development Schemes

3. The most recent and currently adopted local development scheme (WAS 9) of the County Council became effective on 27th April 2007. The scheme set a revised timetable for the production of the Waste Core Strategy & Development Control Policies document. The submitted document accords with the title, role & content, geographic area and partner authorities as stated on page 18 of the scheme. Document production as laid out in the April 2007 Development Scheme has been met. Consultation on the preferred options was scheduled to begin between August-October 2006, a further consultation between October-November 2007 and the submission consultation between June-July 2008. The actual preferred options consultation took place between 25th August 2006 to 6th October 2006, the further consultation between 19th October 2007 and 30th November 2007 and the submission consultation between 23rd June 2008 and 4th August 2008. The City has also revised its local development scheme and the most recent version was adopted on 30th March 2007. This repeated all the elements published in the County's scheme for the production of the Waste Core Strategy & Development Control Policies document and, therefore, the document has been produced in accordance with the City's scheme.

Compliance with the respective Statements of Community Involvement

4. The County Council's Statement of Community Involvement (WAS 5) was adopted on 26th January 2007. Consultation was undertaken at the Issues and Options, Preferred Options and Submission stages in accordance with the Statement in terms of what the community should be involved in, who should be involved, how the community should be involved

and the timing of when they should be involved. This includes consulting the district and borough councils within Leicestershire and all adjoining County and Unitary authorities which were omitted as listed consultees within the Pre-Submission Consultation Statement (WAS 3).

Leicester City adopted their Statement of Community Involvement (WAS 5a) on 28th September 2006. As with the County's statement, consultation was carried out in the manners prescribed within the document in terms of who was consulted, on what they were consulted and how and when they were consulted.

Regard to the Community Strategies

5. Leicester City and Leicestershire County Councils have both produced Sustainable Community Strategies to cover their respective regions. The Leicestershire Sustainable Strategy (WAS 11) has three outcomes to which the Waste Core Strategy has had regard: a reduction in the County's contribution to climate change; production of less waste & a reduced proportion which goes to landfill; and an enhanced accessible natural environment with improved protection. These outcomes have been captured in waste development objectives four, six, eight and ten and fed into many of the policies. The City's strategy (WCD 9) has one theme to which the Core Strategy has regard – the priority to reduce the City's carbon footprint. Indirectly, objectives four and six have the same aim.

The two tier system in Leicestershire means that there are also seven district/borough Community Strategies (WAS 12-18) produced within the framework area to which the Waste Core Strategy has had to have regard. Common to the Charnwood, Harborough, Hinckley & Bosworth, Melton and North West Leicestershire Community Strategies is their desire to reduce their impact on climate change/reduce their carbon footprint. The main thrust of the Core Strategy as set out in the Spatial Vision and the waste management objectives is to increase recycling and reduce landfill thereby reducing Leicestershire's impact on climate change.

Other themes and objectives that have come out of the borough and district Community Strategies are to protect and enhance rural character (Melton, WAS 17), protect and enhance wildlife (Hinckley, WAS 14), continue to develop the coverage and role of the National Forest (NW Leics, WAS 15),

reduce environmental pollution (Oadby & Wigston, WAS 18), reduce the risk of flooding (Charnwood, WAS 13), and to protect special and distinctive qualities of all landscapes and to pay special attention to impacts upon Charnwood Forest (Charnwood). In general, these are reflected in the waste management objectives but more definitively by individual policies within the Core Strategy, such as Policy CS11 on the National Forest, Policy CS12 on Charnwood Forest, Policy DC16 on After-Use, Policy DC5 on Open Countryside and Policy DC12 on the Water Environment.