

Agenda Item IMD6

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REFERENCE IMD: 2017/06

TITLE	Response of Wokingham Borough Council to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea on their consultation on the Local Plan Partial Review – Publication Policies – Waste Planning
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Executive Member for Planning and Regeneration, Councillor Mark Ashwell
DATE AND TIME	17 March 2017 – 12:30PM
WARD	None specific
DIRECTOR	Director of Environment, Josie Wragg
REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED ON	10 March 2017
VENUE	LGF4

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

To ensure that the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council's waste planning policies in the Local Plan Partial Review has minimal negative impacts upon Wokingham Borough and that any positive benefits are maximised.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Member for Planning and Regeneration

- a) approves the comments outlined in this report
- b) approves that they be submitted as a formal response to the consultation from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council on the waste planning policies of their Local Plan Partial Review

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report details the proposed response of Wokingham Borough Council to the consultation on the waste planning policies of the Kensington and Chelsea Local Plan Partial Review.

The content of this report includes the following:

- Informs the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea that the landfill waste facility at Star Works in Wokingham Borough which currently takes some of Kensington and Chelsea's Household, Industrial and Commercial waste will stop operating before the end of their plan period.

Background

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is undertaking a Partial Review of its existing Local Plan. The "Publication Policies" consultation follows two previous consultations on the Local Plan Partial Review (LPPR) - an "Issues and Options" consultation which closed in February 2016 and a "Draft Policies" consultation which closed in December 2016. The consultation runs from 2 February until 16 March 2017 and there are a number of topics that are being reviewed as part of the LPPR including waste which is the topic of this report. Due to tight timescales, it has not been possible to gain executive member sign off by the deadline and this report has therefore been sent as a holding response subject to official sign off.

To inform the Publication Policy on waste the Council has prepared a joint Waste Technical Paper (WTP) with the Western Riverside Waste Authority (WRWA) Waste Planning Authorities (WPAs). The joint WTP provides evidence of the Council's capacity to manage the revised waste apportionment for the borough in the London Plan 2016 and arising from other waste streams.

Analysis of Issues

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea export hazardous waste and Household Industrial Commercial (HIC) waste to the Star Works Waste Management Plant in Wokingham Borough. In 2014 this amounted to approximately 32 tonnes of physical treatment hazardous waste. In 2015 the amount was 24 tonnes. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea also exported 79.2 tonnes of HIC waste to the Star Works Waste Management Plant in 2014 and 56.8 tonnes in 2015.

It should be noted that permission was granted in February 2016 to extend the time period for landfill operations at the Star Works Waste Management Plant (application reference 153172). Permission was granted so that non-inert waste could continue to be deposited at the site up until 2019, and for inert waste up until 2020. The landfill element of the site must be completely restored by 2021. The Council is not aware of any intention from the operators at Star Works Management Plant to extend further the time for landfill operations to commence. However, if the operators were to submit an application for another extension beyond 2021, this application would be judged upon its own merits, and therefore in theory operations could take place post 2021, if the application were approved.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's Local Plan period is up until 2028, and therefore landfill operations at the Star Works Waste Management Plant will have ceased before the end of their plan period. The Council will therefore have to export their proportion of HIC waste that formerly went to the landfill at Star Works Waste Management Plant to another landfill site.

It is recommended that Wokingham Borough responds to the consultation, informing the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea that the waste facility at Star Works in Wokingham Borough which currently takes some HIC waste from that authority will stop operating before the end of their plan period and that alternative provision will need to be made.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

N/A

Cross-Council Implications

N/A

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Director – Finance and Resources	No comment
Monitoring Officer	No comment
Leader of the Council	No comment

List of Background Papers

Kensington and Chelsea Publication Policies
Policy Formulation Report – Waste
Waste Technical Paper for Waste Planning Authorities in the Western Riverside Waste Authority Area (January 2017)

All background papers can be found here:

<https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPPRPP/>

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