

REPORT FOR DECISION

MEETING: COUNCIL

DATE: 1st FEBRUARY 2012

SUBJECT: GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT WASTE PLAN
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – PLAN FOR
ADOPTION

REPORT FROM: EXECUTIVE MEMBER – ENVIRONMENT AND
ECONOMY

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PROJECTS

TYPE OF DECISION: COUNCIL DECISION

**FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION/STATUS:** THIS PAPER IS WITHIN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

SUMMARY: In September 2006 the ten Greater Manchester Authorities agreed to produce a joint Development Plan Document (DPD) covering waste (the Waste Plan). Since then the document has undergone a series of consultations to identify locations for future waste management facilities and to develop a suite of waste planning policies. The Waste Plan was Submitted to the Secretary of State on 28th February 2011. The examination into the soundness of the Submitted Waste Plan commenced at the Pre Hearing Meeting on 21st April 2011, with hearing sessions over four days during June and an additional morning on 22nd September 2011.

The Inspector has issued a Binding Report which confirms the soundness of the Submission Plan and that the Plan can now be adopted by each of the ten Greater Manchester Local Planning Authorities.

The Waste Plan DPD, together with other supporting documentation, is available at the Members' Information Point. The Waste Plan DPD

has been made available in electronic format to all Members. The documentation is also available via the Council's website at www.bury.gov.uk.

**OPTIONS &
RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Option 1 (Recommended option)

It is recommended that the council:

1. Approve the Adoption of the GM Joint Waste Development Plan Document and subsequent changes to the Bury District's Proposal Map.

Option 2

That Members resolve not to adopt the Waste Plan DPD – Members to specify reasons for not adopting the Plan.

Reasons

The adoption of the GM Waste Plan DPD completes the preparation of the Plan and allows it to become part of the Borough's statutory Local Development Framework (LDF).

IMPLICATIONS:

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:

Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?	Yes	No
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The existing Bury UDP forms part of the Council's Policy Framework (being one of the statutory plans listed under Article 4) and will be replaced eventually by Development Plan Documents to be produced under the arrangements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The GM Joint Waste Plan DPD is one such document.

The adoption of the GM Joint Waste Plan DPD will complete the production of the Plan and will, when adopted, form a significant element of Bury's Local Development Framework.

**Statement by the S151 Officer:
Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:**

The production of the GM Joint Waste Plan has been carried out on behalf of the ten Greater Manchester districts by the Greater Manchester Geological Unit (GMGU). Finance for this work has been provided by the ten Greater Manchester districts and existing budget provision has been made to cover all costs involved.

Statement by Executive Director of Resources:

Bury Council's contributions to the financing of the production of the GM Joint Waste Plan have been made on a pro-rata basis from existing revenue budgets.

Existing revenue budgets continue to include provision for the production of the GM Joint Waste Plan and sufficient budget is available to meet the estimated costs in 2011/12.

When the Plan is finalised this budget will not be required and the saving has been included in the budget options for 2012/13 to 2014/15.

Equality/Diversity implications:

Yes No

An initial screening has been undertaken (see attached assessment) and as there are no negative impacts identified for affected groups there is no requirement to proceed to a Full Impact Assessment.

Considered by Monitoring Officer:

Yes Comments

The Monitoring Officer (JH) is satisfied that the proposals set out in this report are consistent with the statutory requirements placed on the Council as Local Planning Authority, within the Council's Policy Framework and within the legal powers of the Council.

Wards Affected:

All

Scrutiny Interest:

Scrutiny Committee (Internal)

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR: K.G. Atkinson - EDS

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
	23/1/12		
Scrutiny Commission	Executive	Committee	Council
			1/2/12

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 This report is to inform Members of the development of the Joint Waste Development Plan Document for Greater Manchester (JWDPD), and to seek full Council approval for the adoption of the Waste Plan by Bury Council. In addition, Members are asked to adopt the agreed changes to the existing proposal map for Bury with the allocation of the following Areas:

In relation to **Bury**, no specific **sites** have been identified for waste facilities, but the following **areas** have been identified for possible built waste facilities and residual waste provision:

- **Built Waste Facilities:**
 - BU1 – Dumers Lane EGA, Radcliffe
 - BU3 – Pilsworth Industrial Estate, Bury
 - BU4 – Part of Fernhill EGA, Bury
 - BU8 – Land at Pimhole, Bury

- **Residual Waste Facilities (Landfill/landraise):**
 - BU11 – Pilsworth North Quarry and Landfill (Extension)

2.0 ISSUES

2.1 The ten Districts constituting the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) agreed to produce a Joint Waste Development Plan Document (the Waste Plan) in 2006. The document was Submitted to the Secretary of State on the 28th February 2011. The Planning Inspectorate appointed Inspector Mr Andrew Mead BSc (Hons) MRTPI MIQ to undertake the Examination into the soundness of the Plan.

2.2 The Waste Plan covers land-use planning matters in relation to waste development across the ten districts for the Greater Manchester area and includes detailed criteria based, as well as site/area specific policies and allocations. The document includes a set of development control policies which will assist in the consideration of waste planning applications, as well as a set of plans identifying the potential locations of future waste management facilities for each of the 10 Districts which, upon adoption of the DPD, will be added to each District's Local Development Framework Proposals Map.

2.3 The Examination hearing sessions took place over four days during the last week of June 2011. A further consultation on The Proposal Minor Changes to the Waste Plan took place between 22nd July and 2nd September 2011. A further hearing session relating to the representations made during this consultation took place on the morning of the 22nd September.

2.4 As part of the development of the Waste Plan, a detailed site search process was undertaken, which included the identification of potential locations for new waste development with assistance from the waste management industry and landowners. This process identified 7 sites and 26 areas across Greater Manchester where, subject to planning permission, waste development is suitable. All site and area allocations, as well as accompanying policies within the Waste

Plan, have been subject to consultation with stakeholders.

- 2.5 In November 2011, the Binding Report was received from the Planning Inspectorate confirming the soundness of the Waste Plan and as such the Waste Plan must now be adopted into the Local Development Framework of each of the ten Greater Manchester Authorities.
- 2.6 Together with the adoption of the Waste Plan, each district is also required to adopt specific changes to the Proposals Map in order that the allocations in the Waste Plan can be transposed on to the relevant authority Adopted Proposal Map.
- 2.7 All Districts have been asked to formally adopt the Waste Plan before the end of March 2012 to allow the Plan to come into force from the 1st April 2012.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 This report has drawn Members' attention to the key elements of the GM Joint Waste Plan, particular those matters directly affecting Bury. Many of the elements have been developed through an extensive preparation programme including consideration of issues, options and preferred options, together with ongoing consultation with key stakeholders, interested parties and the general public.
- 3.2 Members are now requested to approve the Adoption of the GM Joint Waste Plan DPD and for it to form part of Bury's LDF.

List of Background Papers:-

JWDPD Adoption DPD

Copies of the previous JWDPD consultation documents, Sustainability Appraisal Reports and Needs Assessment are available to download from the JWDPD website at www.gmwastedpd.co.uk.

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