



Minerals and Waste Joint Plan

York, North York Moors and North Yorkshire County Council Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Member Working Group

Agenda

11 November 2014, 3pm

North Block Conference Room, County Hall, Northallerton

1. **Introductions and Appointment of a Chair**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Terms of Reference for the Working Group**
4. **Overview of Preparation of the Plan**
5. **Summary of Issues and Options Consultation Responses**
6. **Duty to Co-operate**
7. **Any Other Business**

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Notes of Meeting held at North Yorkshire County Council 11th November 2014

Present:

Cllr Gareth Dadd	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Robert Packham	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Dave Merrett	City of York Council
Cllr Joe Watt	City of York Council
Alison Fisher	North York Moors National Park Authority
David Hugill	North York Moors National Park Authority

In attendance

Vicky Perkin	North Yorkshire County Council
Rachel Pillar	North Yorkshire County Council
Rebecca Harrison	City of York Council
Caroline Skelly	North York Moors National Park Authority

1. Introduction

Vicky Perkin introduced Cllr Dadd as Chair for the meeting

Cllr Dadd made reference to the terms of reference report which suggested that meetings are chaired on a rotational basis by the Authority hosting the meeting. Members agreed this proposal.

Introductions were made.

2. Apologies for Absence

All present

3. Terms of Reference for the Working Group

Caroline Skelly introduced the paper.

Cllr Dadd raised questions about the future secretariat arrangements for the Group. Members agreed that papers will be prepared and circulated by the host organisation. This will be on a rotational basis with next meeting to take place at City of York Council.

Alison Fisher raised concerns that there wouldn't be another meeting until after the elections. It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged in January 2015.

Recommendation agreed.

4. Overview of Preparation of the Plan

Rebecca Harrison introduced the paper.

A question was raised on why a further consultation is required on additional sites. Officers confirmed that this is to enable the public to comment on sites, which have not previously been consulted on and to ensure all sites are considered fairly.

Cllr Packman raised concerns about the tight timescale. Officers acknowledged that the timescale is ambitious but hoped to be able to meet it.

Recommendation agreed

5. Summary of Issues and Options Consultation Responses

Vicky Perkin introduced the paper.

Vicky Perkin informed Members that NYCC are working towards a methodology on calculating sand and gravel requirements and it is anticipated that a Discussion Paper on the topic will be published before Christmas.

A number of issues were discussed, which will need to be addressed in the Preferred Options version of the Plan:-

- Due to uncertainty about development figures a range of sand and gravel/building stone requirement figures should be adopted to allow flexibility.
- There is a conflict between the presence of sand and gravel resources around City of York and protection of Green Belt.
- Questions over the viability of quarries where restrictions were placed on usage.
- Fracking policies need to address situations where proposals involve replacing water from gas back into ground structures.
- Public opinion on fracking needs to be considered.
- Question over whether there is there going to be sufficient viable gas to support fracking.
- All issues relating to fracking should be addressed in the plan, but the policies cannot address issues which are covered by other regulatory regimes.
- City of York Council has adopted a position statement which is against fracking.

Members agreed that a further meeting of the Member Working Group should be arranged to look in detail at the emerging oil and gas policies.

The York Potash planning application is likely to be determined prior to the next consultation stage of the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan and therefore policies/text may need to be amended accordingly.

6. Duty to Co-operate

Members agreed that further thought was needed on Member engagement in meeting the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate. Further information on this will be circulated to Members of the Working Group.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr Merrett raised the issue that ports and holding facilities should be considered fully within the Marine Aggregates Assessments

Date of next meeting, TBC, sometime in January 2015