

## **Divisions Affected - All**

### **DELEGATED DECISION BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY & ENVIRONMENT**

**(22 JUNE 2023)**

### **OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2020**

#### **Report by Corporate Director for Environment and Place**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. **The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to**
  - (a) approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Report 2020 (Calendar Year) in the Annex to this report; and
  - (b) authorise the Corporate Director for Environment & Place to carry out any necessary final editing of the Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Report 2020 (Calendar Year) for publication on the County Council website.

#### **Executive Summary**

2. The County Council is required to prepare and publish minerals and waste Authority Monitoring Reports at least annually. The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) must report on implementation of the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (the programme for preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan) and on the extent to which local plan policies are being achieved. This is a procedural and information requirement of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).
3. A draft Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste AMR 2020 covering the year 1 January to 31 December 2020 is appended for approval.
4. It cross refers to the Council's Local Aggregate Assessment 2021 (which covers the calendar year 2020), the Waste Needs Assessment and associated updates which all contain more detailed information on Minerals and Waste in Oxfordshire.
5. The AMR reports on the implementation of the 33 policies in the current Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy adopted September 2017 (OMWCS). This is done in accordance with the monitoring

framework set out in the OMWCS. It sets out whether the relative targets have been achieved in accordance with the policies. There are also triggers defined for each policy, which, if invoked, would require a review of the OMWLP.

6. In 2020, all targets were met bar one, the target for Policy M2 and crushed rock landbank. This already invoked a trigger to review the landbank policy for crushed rock reserves in 2018 and this issue is being addressed through the preparation of the new Minerals and Waste Plan 2042.

## **Key findings of the Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Report 2020**

7. A summary of the 2020 position reported by the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) (Annex 1) is set out below:
  - a) Achievement of the targets for recycled and secondary aggregate in 2020.
  - b) Achievement of the targets for production capacity for sharp sand and gravel, soft sand and crushed rock in 2020.
  - c) Achievement of at least 7-year landbanks for sharp sand and gravel and soft sand in 2020.
  - d) Reserves of crushed rock remain below the NPPF 10-year landbank requirement for the third year in a row and in 2020 was at 9.19 years. This will be addressed in the new Minerals and Waste Plan 2042 through planning policy and the identification of sites to deliver sufficient crushed rock over the new Plan period.
  - e) Achievement of targets for safeguarding land for mineral working – no applications were permitted by the County Council in 2020 that would result in the sterilisation of mineral resources and no District permissions or allocations were made in 2020 where there was an outstanding objection from the County Council on grounds of minerals safeguarding.
  - f) Achievement of targets for the restoration of mineral workings; of the nine mineral restoration schemes approved in 2020, only one was for a new restoration scheme. The other eight approvals were revisions to existing restoration schemes, a change to end dates, or a combination of the two.
  - g) Achievement of targets for waste management capacity sufficient to meet the amount required for the specified waste streams except for construction, demolition and excavation waste in Oxfordshire.
  - h) Achievement of targets for the diversion of waste from landfill and targets for the use of inert waste for infill as part of site restoration.

- i) Achievement of targets for safeguarding waste management sites - no applications were permitted by the District or allocations made in 2020 where there was an objection from the County Council on grounds of waste management safeguarding.
  - j) Achievement of targets for the approval of applications taking into account the relevant Core Policies.
8. Several targets were not applicable during this monitoring period due to either no relevant applications being submitted during 2020, or the Site Allocations Document having not been adopted.

## **Corporate Policies and Priorities**

9. The Authority Monitoring Report for 2020 is a factual report based on information within the current adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, the Minerals and Waste Development Schemes and the Local Aggregate Assessment 2021 and therefore forms the normal part of evidence base and does not raise any corporate policies and priorities implications.

## **Financial Implications**

10. The Authority Monitoring Report 2020 (AMR) is not expected to create any negative sustainability implications. The AMR is a factual document providing information on sales and production of minerals and the arisings and management of waste. It also is a factual account of the Council's requirements through Duty to Cooperate and progress in the Plan Making process.

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## **Legal Implications**

11. The Authority Monitoring Report 2020 is a factual report based on information from other reports within the MWLP such as the Core Strategy 2017, Minerals and Waste Development Schemes and Local Aggregate Assessment 2021 and therefore forms the normal part of evidence base and does not raise any additional legal implications. This report is a requirement of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

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## Equality & Inclusion Implications

12. The Authority Monitoring Report 2020 (AMR) is not expected to create any negative equality implications. The AMR is a factual document providing information on sales and production of minerals and the arisings and management of waste. It also is a factual account of the Councils requirements through Duty to Cooperate and progress in the Plan Making process.

## Sustainability Implications

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Corporate Director for Environment and Place

Annex: Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report 2020.

Background papers:

- i. Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2021, November 2021 ([Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2021](#))
- ii. Oxfordshire Waste Needs Assessment, Baseline Update August 2020 (Please contact Officer to see this document).
- iii. Oxfordshire Waste Needs Assessment, Baseline Update Feb 2022 (Please contact Officer to see this document).
- iv. Oxfordshire Waste Needs Assessment, August 2015 (Please contact Officer to see this document).
- v. Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, January 2020, January 2021, October 2021 and December 2022 (Please contact Officer to see these documents).
- vi. Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, Sept 2017 ([Adopted Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1 - Core Strategy](#))

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