

Divisions Affected - ALL

CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY AND ENVIRONMENT

24 MARCH 2022

OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2019

Report by Corporate Director for Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. **The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to**
 - (a) to approve the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Report 2019 (Calendar Year) in the Annex to this report;
 - (b) to authorise the Corporate Director for Environment & Place to carry out any necessary final editing of the Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Report 2019 (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. The Authority Monitoring Report 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 Annual Monitoring Report 2019 covering the year 1 January to 31 December 2019 is appended for approval.
4. It cross refers to the Council's Local Aggregate Assessment 2020 and Waste Needs Assessments and updates which contain more detailed information and will sit alongside this Authority Monitoring Report.
5. The AMR reports on the implementation of the 33 policies in the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (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 which, if invoked, would require a review of the OMWLP. It is important to note that all targets were met bar one which already invoked a trigger to review the landbank policy for crushed rock reserves in 2018. This is being taken forward and addressed through the preparation of the Core Strategy Review, Partial Update and OMWLP Part 2 – Site Allocations work.

Key findings of the Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Report 2019

6. A summary of the 2019 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 2019.
 - b) Achievement of the targets for production capacity for sharp sand and gravel, soft sand and crushed rock in 2019.
 - c) Achievement of at least 7-year landbanks for sharp sand and gravel and soft sand in 2019.
 - d) Reserves of crushed rock fell below the NPPF 10-year landbank requirement for the second year in a row and in 2019 was at 5.96 years. This is being addressed through a proposed Partial update to Policy M2, following a Core Strategy Review and through the identification of sites to deliver sufficient crushed rock over the Plan period as part of the preparation of the OMWLP Part 2 – Site Allocations work.
 - e) Achievement of targets for safeguarding land for mineral working – no applications were permitted by the County Council in 2019 that would result in the sterilization of mineral resources and no District permissions or allocations were made in 2019 where there was an objection from the County Council on grounds of minerals safeguarding.
 - f) A delay in the preparation of the OMWLP Part 2 – Site Allocations leading to a delay in the publication of the further consultation on Preferred Options.
 - g) Achievement of targets in the restoration of mineral workings; there were eight mineral restoration schemes approved in 2019, including five for revisions to existing restoration schemes and two changes to end dates.
 - h) 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.
 - i) 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.
 - j) Achievement of targets for safeguarding waste management sites - no applications were permitted by the District or allocations were made in

2019 where there was an objection from the County Council on grounds of minerals safeguarding.

- k) Achievement of targets for the approval of applications taking into account the relevant Core Policies.
- l) A number of targets were not applicable during this monitoring period due to either no applications being submitted during 2019, or the Site Allocations Document not being adopted yet.

Corporate Policies and Priorities

- 7. The AMR 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 2020 and therefore forms the normal part of evidence base and does not raise any corporate policies and priorities implications.

Financial Implications

- 8. The AMR 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 2020 and therefore forms the normal part of evidence base and does not raise any additional financial implications.

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Legal Implications

- 9. The AMR 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 2020 and therefore forms the normal part of evidence base and does not raise any additional legal implications

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Equality & Inclusion Implications

10. The Annual Monitoring Report 2019 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

11. The Annual Monitoring Report 2019 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 Councils requirements through Duty to Cooperate and progress in the Plan Making process.

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Corporate Director for Environment and Place

Annex: Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report 2019.

Background papers:

- i. Oxfordshire Local Aggregate Assessment 2019, October 2019
- ii. Oxfordshire Waste Needs Assessment, Baseline Update August 2020
- iii. Oxfordshire Waste Needs Assessment, Baseline Update Feb 2022
- iii. Oxfordshire Waste Needs Assessment, August 2015
- iv. Minerals and Waste Development Scheme, January 2019 & October 2021
- v. Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, Sept 2017

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