# Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning

Meeting to be held on 7 December 2011

Electoral Division affected: All

Joint Lancashire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Consultation for Major changes to Site Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Documents

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## **Executive Summary**

This report describes the consultation and publicity that will take place relating to the major changes to the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies for the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

#### Recommendation

That the Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning note the contents of the report.

## **Background and Advice**

Members of the Joint Advisory Committee were previously briefed on the consultation that has taken place relating to the Submission version of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies for the Minerals and Waste Development Framework. This took place between 10 January 2011 and 21February 2011.

#### Engagement so far:

The document was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in May 2011. A Planning Inspector was appointed and hearing sessions took place from September to October 2011. The hearing sessions have been adjourned to allow for further consultation on some major changes to the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies for the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

## The Next Steps:

Following approval for consultation by the Joint Committee for Strategic Planning the approved changes to the document will be publicised in January 2012 for the statutory six week period. To meet the aims of our Statement of Community Involvement documents the following approaches are suggested:



- Brief press, and send out press releases.
- Offer special public meetings if requested.
- Advertise the consultation in all district papers providing them with dates and where the documents will be displayed.
- Send letters and/or emails to stakeholders (residents, community leaders, Government agencies, businesses, and County, Town, District and Parish Councillors) informing them of the consultation.
- Publicise the consultation and have documents available on the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/mwdf
- Utilise Limehouse software with a dedicated LDF portal where the document will be available for online consultation <a href="http://lancashire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal">http://lancashire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal</a>
- Make hard copies available of the document at deposit points (libraries, county information centres, district town halls, district planning departments, county hall and county council environment directorate).
- Make hard copies of the document available to the public on request.

Following this six week consultation any representations made will be considered and the Joint Advisory Committee and Joint Committee will meet to consider those representations before making recommendations to the Councils of the three authorities. The Development Plan Document will then be submitted to the Planning Inspector who will reopen the Examination in Public and then consider if further hearing sessions are needed. The Planning Inspector will then produce a binding report to the three Councils.

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## Implications:

This item has the potential to cause controversy. However, much of the consultation set out is prescribed in the authorities Statements of Community Involvement and set by statute.

Moreover, the Councils have already undertaken considerable consultation.

## **Risk Management**

Making significant changes to the Development Plan Document without consulting on those changes could result in prejudice being caused to any individuals who may be affected by the proposals.

Local Government (	Access to	Information)	<b>Act 1985</b>
List of Background	Papers		

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A