

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT CABINET PANEL
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REVISED WASTE LOCAL PLAN TARGETS AND INDICATORS

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present to the Panel a set of revisions to the targets and indicators contained within The Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Document (hereafter referred to as the Waste Core Strategy). The Waste Core Strategy forms part of Hertfordshire's Waste Local Plan.
- 1.2 Any agreed changes will supersede the current targets and indicators and will be implemented within the forthcoming and subsequent Authority's Monitoring Reports.

2. Summary of Proposal

- 2.1 The Waste Core Strategy includes a chapter on the monitoring and implementation of the Waste Local Plan. This chapter is comprised of targets and indicators which are used to monitor the implementation of the Waste Local Plan policies.
- 2.2 The monitoring of the Waste Local Plan policies is presented through Hertfordshire's Authority's Monitoring Report (hereafter referred to as AMR). The AMR is a statutory document and is updated on an annual basis and is presented to this Panel.
- 2.3 The targets and indicators set out in the Waste Core Strategy have been being used to monitor the implementation of the Waste Local Plan policies through the AMR, since the Waste Core Strategy was adopted, in 2012.
- 2.4 In July 2015, the targets and indicators were revised due to difficulty reporting on a number of the targets. Obtaining information and relevant data to report on the targets was a lengthy process, which in turn required complicated explanations when reporting on each of the targets in the AMR.

- 2.5 Since July 2015 there have been further changes to the picture for waste in Hertfordshire and other issues in relation to obtaining data which need to be taken into account in order for the Targets and Indicators to remain pertinent and reportable.
- 2.6 The Waste Planning Authority has revised the targets and indicators and presents the revised set to Panel today. Further detailed explanations on the reasons for the proposed revisions are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Appendix A, as attached to the report.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Panel's views are sought on the revisions to the targets and indicators which are used to assess the implementation of the Waste Local Plan policies, within the AMR.

4. Background to the Waste Local Plan Targets and Indicators

- 4.1 Hertfordshire's Waste Local Plan is comprised of The Waste Core Strategy (adopted November 2012) and The Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (adopted July 2014).
- 4.2 Chapter 5 of the Waste Core Strategy outlines the monitoring and implementation framework for the Local Plan, which is comprised of the targets and indicators.
- 4.3 The targets and indicators were developed to ensure that the Waste Planning Authority can assess the effectiveness of policies within the Waste Local Plan.
- 4.4 Monitoring the implementation of the Waste Local Plan policies allows the Waste Planning Authority to keep a record of the use of all policies and highlights which policies are not being implemented and may need to be revised, or removed, when the Waste Local Plan comes under review.
- 4.5 At present the Waste Local Plan is under review. The review of the Waste Local Plan is a lengthy process, with the updated Waste Local Plan document anticipated for adoption in 2021.
- 4.6 Until the adoption of the updated Waste Local Plan in 2021, the Waste Planning Authority must ensure that the targets and indicators of the Waste Core Strategy remain appropriate and reportable so as to ensure that the implementation of the Waste Local Plan policies can be monitored effectively.
- 4.7 The text below is taken from chapter 5 of the Waste Core Strategy. It sets out the Waste Planning Authorities commitment to ensuring the targets and indicators remain appropriate:

“Through the Monitoring Report (AMR), the Waste Planning Authority will keep this monitoring framework under review to ensure that an effective approach to monitoring the implementation of the plan is maintained and

that the targets and indicators used to monitor the plan remain appropriate.”

5. Summary of Proposed Revisions

- 5.1 The proposed changes to the targets and indicators can be found at Appendix A of this report. In addition, the revised tables from chapter 5 of the Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document have been prepared and can be found at Appendix B of this report.
- 5.2 In summary, the following changes are proposed:

Target 3 and its associated Indicator to be modified

Existing Target 3 reports on any New Waste Management Facilities that have been permitted (within Areas of Search A-E , which are broad areas set out in Hertfordshire’s Waste Local Plan) to treat the identified Local Authority Collected (LAC) Waste Arisings, which includes identified organic LAC waste arisings, over the period that the adopted Waste Local Plan covers (2011-2026).

Target 3 needs to be revised in light of the findings set out in the ‘Local Authority Collected Waste Spatial Strategy’ (LACWCS) 2016, which is prepared by the Waste Management Unit at Hertfordshire County Council.

The LACWCS 2016 states that there is enough permitted Organic Waste treatment facilities in the county, to treat projected organic waste levels up to 2030/2031.

As a result of these findings, the Waste Planning Authority no longer needs to report on new facilities to treat the LAC Organic waste arisings and therefore would like to exclude the organic element from Target 3.

Target 8 has been removed

Existing Target 8 reports on the percentage of untreated waste that is imported from London into Hertfordshire after 2015, with the aim of this percentage being 0%.

Since this target has been reportable (from 2015 onwards), obtaining the figure for the ‘untreated’ percentage of waste imported from London has proved impossible data for the Waste Planning Authority to obtain. The only data that the Waste Planning Authority has been able to obtain and therefore report on is the overall percentage of waste imported from London.

The Waste Planning Authority proposes that this target be removed in light of the difficulty obtaining the data for this target and the subsequent inability to accurately report on it.

Target 17 and its associated Indicator to be modified

The Waste Planning Authority has experienced difficulty obtaining the information to report on this target due to staffing issues and the procurement of new software for the recording of planning and enforcement information.

It is proposed that the target be changed so that the information required is easily accessible and something that can be directly obtained by the Waste Planning Authority.

It is proposed that the new target relate to Waste Surveys, which are handled directly by the Waste Planning Authority on an annual basis.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1 The next AMR, which will cover the period of 1 April 2017- 31 March 2018 and will be presented to this Panel at a later date in 2018, will include the revised set of targets and indicators. Text will be inserted in the AMR, explaining why these changes have been made, with reference to this Panel Report. In addition, these changes will appear online directly alongside the adopted Waste Local Plan as an addendum.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The cost of monitoring the Waste Local Plan is included in existing budgets.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)

- 8.1 When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered the equality implications of the decision that they are making.
- 8.2 Rigorous consideration will ensure that proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the county council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) produced by officers.
- 8.3 The Equality Act 2010 requires the county council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil

partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.

- 8.4 No EqlA was undertaken in relation to this report. It is not anticipated that people with protected characteristics will be affected disproportionately by the proposals set out in the report.

Appendix A – Schedule of amendments to the Waste Core Strategy Targets & Indicators

Appendix B – Amended Tables 12 and 13 for chapter 5 of the Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document 2011-2026 (adopted November 2012)

Background documents used in writing this report:

Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies document (adopted November 2012), <http://www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf/w/twcsadmpd.pdf>

Minerals and Waste Development Framework Authority's Monitoring Report 2016/2017
[http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/envplan/plan/hccdevplan/annualmonitoringreport 1/](http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/envplan/plan/hccdevplan/annualmonitoringreport1/)