

Wards Affected:

All Wards

ITEM 4(c)**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL****21 JUNE 2017**

Report considered by Cabinet – 13 June 2017

ADOPTION OF MILTON KEYNES MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

Responsible Cabinet Member: Councillor Gifford, Cabinet Member for Place

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Executive Summary:

The Inspector's Report into the Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan (Annex A to this Report), which was received on 19 April 2017, has found the Plan 'sound'. The Minerals Local Plan can therefore be adopted by the Council as part of the formal Development Plan for the Borough and thus be afforded full weight in the determination of planning applications and appeals.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That Council be recommended to adopt the Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan.

2. Issues

- 2.1 The Council is required to produce and maintain an up to date Development Plan for the area and this should include policies for minerals-related development. The Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan will replace the Minerals Local Plan adopted in 2006. The new Minerals Local Plan contains up to date policies, provision and site allocations for minerals-related development. It reflects the latest national planning guidance, particularly as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and the Planning Practice Guidance. It contains a new annual provision figure for sand and gravel extraction that reflects national guidance. The plan period is to the end of 2032.
- 2.2 The most recent stage of the Minerals Local Plan preparation process was the independent public examination of the Plan. As part of this, public hearing sessions were held on 18 and 19 October 2016.
- 2.3 In total 15 organisations and individuals responded to the consultation on the examination Inspector's proposed Main Modifications to the Plan: four made a specific 'no comment'; three supported the modifications; and the remainder either made an objection or commented on a modification (the majority of objections related to the developer requirements set out in the site profiles). All of the representations were forwarded to the Inspector for her consideration as part of the examination process.

- 2.4 The Planning Inspectorate issued the Inspector’s Report to the Council on 19 April 2017. The Inspector found the Minerals Local Plan ‘sound’ and legally complaint subject to the inclusion of the proposed Main Modifications.
- 2.5 With the Inspector having found the Plan sound, it can now proceed to adoption. It is recommended that the Council adopts the Plan at its meeting on 21 June 2017. The formal adoption date would be 1 July 2017.

3. Options

- 3.1 The alternative option is not to agree to adopt the Minerals Local Plan. However, there will need to be an up to date minerals plan in place and that would mean starting the plan process again, even though there is a Minerals Local Plan that has been found sound by an independent Inspector following its examination.

4. Implications

4.1 Policy

The Minerals Local Plan will replace the adopted Minerals Local Plan (2006) and will form part of the Development Plan. Planning applications for minerals-related development must be determined in accordance with the Minerals Local Plan and any other relevant parts of the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

4.2 Resources and Risk

The Minerals Local Plan has been prepared through the resources identified in the existing budget for development planning.

N	Capital	N	Revenue	N	Accommodation
N	IT	N	Medium Term Plan	N	Asset Management

4.3 Carbon and Energy Management

The Minerals Local Plan has been based on the principles of sustainable development but, as is it is concerned only with planning for minerals-related development, it does not cover matters relating to carbon and energy management.

4.4 Legal

The Minerals Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and associated regulations and guidance.

4.5 Other Implications

Equalities/Diversity: The Minerals Local Plan was subject to an equalities impact assessment which was published as part of the evidence base for its examination.

Sustainability: The Minerals Local Plan will promote sustainable development. In accordance with EU legislation it has been subject to Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive).

Human Rights: Policies in the Minerals Local Plan need to comply with human rights legislation.

E-Government: All consultation and associated documentation has been available to view and comment on through the Council's website.

Stakeholders: Consultation with a wide range of stakeholders has been undertaken throughout the preparation of the plan, in line with national regulations and guidance on development plans and local guidance as set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

Crime and Disorder: No direct implications.

N	Equalities/Diversity	N	Sustainability	N	Human Rights
N	E-Government	N	Stakeholders	N	Crime and Disorder

Background Papers: None

Annex A: Inspector's Report

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Annex B: The Minerals Local Plan for Adoption

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