

# **Committee: Borough Plan Advisory Committee**

**Date: 12 October 2010**

Agenda item: 5

Wards: all

## **Subject: South London Waste Plan – for information**

Lead officer: Director for Environment and Regeneration, Chris Lee

Lead member: Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration,  
Councillor Andrew Judge

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. That Members note the contents of the South London Waste Plan prior to its submission to the Borough Plan Advisory Panel on 04 November 2010
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. The South London Waste Plan (also known as the Joint Waste Management DPD) is being prepared jointly by the four boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton and Sutton. If adopted in 2012, it will become part of each borough's Local Development Framework, setting out the planning policies and potential sites on which waste management facilities will be considered across the four boroughs.
- 1.2. Appendix A of this report is the final draft of the South London Waste Plan. It will be published on Monday 04 October and will be circulated separately to Advisory Committee Members by post or courier by Wednesday 06 October. The final draft of the South London Waste Plan has been created following three years of preparation, including more than six months of public consultation. The Waste Plan is now being considered by each of the Cabinets and Councils of the four boroughs, seeking their recommendation to submit it to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- 1.3. The Borough Plan Advisory Committee will receive a report on the Waste Plan at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November, recommending that the Waste Plan be considered for submission to the Secretary of State, via Merton's Cabinet and full Council. As the Waste Plan is a long document, it is being circulated here for information to enable informed consideration in November.

## **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1 Following consultations on the 'potential sites and policies' (July – October 2009) and 'Additional Sites' (February – March 2010), the South London Joint Waste Development Plan Document (South London Waste Plan) has been updated.
- 2.2 The policies by which future applications for waste management facilities will be assessed have been strengthened in response to comments from

residents and other stakeholders. With regard to site allocations, the Waste Plan now proposes to safeguard existing waste management sites and permit development on a further seven hectares of land (not currently in waste management use) from amongst existing industrial areas across the four partner boroughs.

2.3 The cross-party Joint Waste Plan Members Working Group have been guiding the project since its inception. Cllrs Ian Munn and Maurice Groves are Merton’s representatives. They have now recommended that the Waste Plan be circulated to all partner boroughs seeking their recommendations to submit the Waste Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

2.4 The timetable for this is as follows, with Merton’s meetings highlighted,

- Croydon Council, Cabinet (11 October)
- **Merton’s Borough Plan Advisory Committee** (for information only) – **(12 October)**
- Kingston Council, Executive (2 November)
- **Merton’s Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel** – **(02 November)**
- **Merton’s Borough Plan Advisory Committee** (for discussion and recommendation – **(04 November)**
- **Merton’s Cabinet, (08 November)** (forward plan 839)
- **Merton’s full Council (24 November)** (forward plan 838)
- Sutton Council, Cabinet (29 November)
- Croydon Council, Full Council (6 December)
- Sutton Council, Full Council (6 December)
- Kingston Council, Full Council (7 December)

2.5 The proposed submission version of the South London Waste Plan is attached as Appendix A to this report. The Waste Plan will contain the policies by which future applications for waste facilities will be determined and identify the sites and areas within which waste development will take place over the initial lifetime of the Waste Plan (2011 to 2021).

2.6 The next stages of the Waste Plan’s progress are shown in Table 1:

**Table 1: Next stages of the South London Waste Plan.**

<b>Plan making stage</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Publication of the proposed Submission version of the Waste Plan for a statutory period of six weeks.	January and February 2011
Submission of the proposed Submission version of the Waste Plan to the Secretary of State.	Spring 2011
Examination of the Waste Plan in public, by an	Early Summer

independent planning Inspector.	2011
Receipt of the Inspector's Report which is binding upon the Council.	Autumn 2011
Adoption of the Waste Plan as Council policy	Winter 2011

- 2.7 If Members or anybody else has questions regarding the Waste Plan, these can be directed to Tara Butler (020 8545 4855 [tara.butler@merton.gov.uk](mailto:tara.butler@merton.gov.uk)) or Eben van der Westhuizen (020 8545 3814; [eben.vanderwesthuizen@merton.gov.uk](mailto:eben.vanderwesthuizen@merton.gov.uk) )

### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 3.1. For the purposes of this report, the alternative option was to circulate the Waste Plan to the Borough Plan Advisory Committee in late October, prior to the BPAC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November. This option would not allow as long a lead in time to read such a long document, and consider any technical information if necessary.

### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1. As set out in the body of this report.

### **5 TIMETABLE**

- 5.1. As set out in the body of this report.

### **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. None for the purposes of this report

### **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. None for the purposes of this report

### **8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. None for the purposes of this report

### **9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. None for the purposes of this report

### **10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. None for the purposes of this report

### **11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- South London Waste Plan (paper copy to be circulated separately to Advisory Committee Members by courier on Wednesday 06 October 2010)

### **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 12.1. South London Waste Plan

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