

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

CABINET

18 NOVEMBER 2010

REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2 NOVEMBER 2010

Draft West London Waste Plan Proposed Sites and Policies Document

The representative of the Corporate Director Place Shaping introduced his report detailing the progress to date in preparing the Proposed Sites and Policies Consultation Document, a key stage in the preparation of the joint West London Waste Plan. He advised that there were 3 existing sites within Harrow but that he anticipated only one site within Harrow would go forward as consideration for one of the proposed future locations.

The Committee noted that the Plan would be one of the policy documents which would comprise the overall Local Development Framework for the Borough which would eventually replace the Unitary Development Plan. The report had been prepared jointly by the six west London boroughs of Harrow, Brent, Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond.

A Member referred to the sizing of such sites and also queried whether the performance indicators utilised within the report would continue to be relevant following recent decisions by government. The officer confirmed that the lowest optimum site size was approximately 0.9 hectares and that although he anticipated the Performance Indicators would cease to apply the requirements for such provision remained with LATs.

A Member queried whether the Kodak Site had been considered as a viable option, as part of a larger relocation of civic amenities, including the Civic Centre, on the site. The officer stated that all sites considered were set against a robust methodology criteria and the Kodak Site had not met the threshold required for consideration to go forward. However, he accepted that this could be a proposal that the Council might seek to revisit in the future.

A Member queried alternative sites not within Harrow and it was confirmed that other sites would come through from the partner authorities for consideration. A decision on a future location would not be made until all such potential sites had been considered.

A Member noted that the content of the consultation was jargonistic and contained numerous acronyms. He queried how officers would make the document more accessible to the public in term of language and content. The officer agreed that the document was comprehensive, noting that it also served as the consultation vehicle with the waste industry. He advised that the Council utilised a specific consultancy partner who undertake a range of consultation measures, including video blogging to ensure the information was understood by the widest possible audience.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet and Council)

That the Draft West London Waste Plan: Proposed Sites and Policies Consultation Document be approved for the purposes of public consultation.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Documents:

Report considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 November 2010.

Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 November 2010.

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