

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

**Derek Murphy, Cabinet Member for Economic Development**

**DECISION NO:**

24/00082

**For publication**

**Key decision: YES**

**Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Kent Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme Update**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Economic Development who is responsible for the Minerals and Waste Local Plan I agree to the proposed changes to the timetable for the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme 2024 (as set out in Appendix 1) that concerns:

- The review of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2039
- The review of the Minerals Sites Plan

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Legislation requires local plan making work to be undertaken in accordance with a published timetable or 'Development Scheme'. The most recent timetable for updating the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (KMWLP) and the Kent Mineral Sites Plan (MSP) is set out in the Council's 'Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme' (LDS), November 2023. A change to the timetable related to the Kent Mineral Sites Plan work is now proposed for the following reasons:

- (i) The independent examination hearing for the KMWLP commenced in September and this impacts upon potential adoption dates;
- (ii) To meet the examination hearing deadlines for the KMWLP, staff resources have had to be focused on activities associated with the KMWLP rather than the Mineral Sites Plan (MSP); and
- (iii) Evidence gathering and assessment in relation to the MSP work is currently incomplete. Work is ongoing to test whether the evidence is robust and consistent with national planning policy which will determine whether a new quarry site should be allocated or not.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposed decision was considered and endorsed by members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 11 September.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

The County Council has a statutory responsibility to review its Local Plan every five years and to prepare revised policy and guidance as necessary in accordance with the Plan Making Regulations.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

DP Murphy

17/10/2024

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