

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

### DECISION TAKEN BY

**Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport**

### DECISION NO:

16/00123

**For publication**

**Key decision\* - Yes**

**Subject:** Kent Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document

#### **Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, I agree to endorse the Kent Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for public consultation.

#### **Reason(s) for decision:**

National planning policy requires local plans, including those prepared by the Borough and District Councils, to safeguard mineral resources, minerals production and transportation infrastructure and waste management facilities. This safeguarding plays an important role in sustainable development, supports economic growth and our quality of life and ensures that there is sufficient waste capacity to deal with Kent's waste arisings.

The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (KMWLP) was adopted by the County Council in July 2016 and contains a number of policies concerning minerals and waste safeguarding. Whilst minerals and waste planning falls within the remit of the County Council, safeguarding is the responsibility of all planning authorities within Kent.

The Local Plan Examination for the KMWLP recognised the need for the County Council to produce a safeguarding supplementary planning document following the adoption of the KMWLP.

#### **Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

An informal workshop was held in February 2016 with parties who had responded to the Examination Hearing on safeguarding matters including representatives from the development industry, borough councils and the minerals industry.

The working draft of the SPD was also discussed with an informal Members Group

The SPD will also be discussed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 17 November 2016.

#### **Any alternatives considered:**

Safeguarding issues were a key matter at the KMWLP Examination.

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

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