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### **The Waste Local Plan Review – The Proposed Next Steps**

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#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise members of the Waste Planning Panel of the proposed next steps of the Waste Local Plan Review.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.2 The Waste Local Plan Review will follow the anticipated timetable as set out in Item 3. In order to progress the review and advise panel members of the stages and issues arising, it is envisaged that a number of panel meetings will need to be planned for the future.

#### **3. The Next Steps**

##### **Site Visits**

- 3.1 The most important issue for the waste local plan review is the identification of possible future sites and the safeguarding of existing sites. It is suggested that one of the first panel meetings should be used to visit a number of the existing sites within the adopted plan and working sites around the County in order to establish their geographical location and observe the working methods.

##### **Scoping Report**

- 3.2 The Formal Scoping report of the adopted Plan is anticipated in January 2004. This will discuss issues such as the collection of baseline data, the environmental/sustainability problems and constraints (if any) and how they were identified, suggested SEA/SA objectives and indicators and how these were chosen and the draft plan objectives. It is anticipated that Land Use Consultants will do a presentation to the Waste Planning Panel on the scoping report early in the New Year.

##### **Waste Management Processes**

- 3.3 Another aspect of the Plan which needs to be addressed is that of the development of new technologies and waste management processes and the land use implications of them. It is envisaged that a number of panel papers be produced outlining new technologies and the implications their development may have for Hertfordshire.

### **Draft Issues Papers**

3.4 The culmination of the above steps will be the production of the draft issues paper. This will be presented to the Waste Planning Panel before being recommended to Cabinet and County Council for publication and public consultation.

### **4. Recommendation**

4.1 To acknowledge the contents of this report and plan for future panel meeting and agenda items.