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Waste Local Plan Review - Summary of Hertfordshire's District Officers Workshop held on 8th March 2004.

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To give the Panel feedback from the District Officers Meeting/Workshop arranged as part of the Waste Local Plan Review, held at Shire Hall on 8 March.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Waste Local Plan forms part of the development plan for Hertfordshire, and a number of the policies also relate to development, for which the District and Borough Councils are the planning authority.
- 2.2 The review of the Waste Local Plan will be an important vehicle for ensuring that the Hertfordshire Joint Waste Management Strategy is delivered throughout the County. It is therefore vital that the District and Borough Councils play a significant role in the review of the Plan.
- 2.3 After the success of the stakeholder event in October 2003 it was suggested that a specific event be arranged for Planning and Waste Management Officers from all eleven authorities. Offices from the County Council and each of the ten District/Borough Local Plans and Waste Management Teams were invited to attend the meeting
- 2.4 The meeting/workshop was scheduled for January 29th 2004, but was re-arranged due to bad weather. It was eventually held on 8th March 2004 with much the same agenda (see Attachment A.) Discussion centered around exploration of the following issues in implementation of the existing Waste Local Plan and in waste management in general:
1. Implementation Issues
 2. Delivery Mechanism
 3. Site Identification
- 2.5 A number of issues contained within the proposed 'Issues and Options Paper' were discussed in small groups, and comments relating to the current Waste Local Plan, of areas that could be improved upon. The comments proposed and actions to be followed up, are presented in Appendix B.

2.6 Following the meeting/workshop copies of the “Draft Implementation of Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan Policies – A Guide for District Councils” were sent to the Heads of Development Control within all 10 District/Borough Councils together with a letter outlining the purpose of the Officers Meeting/Workshop as part of the initial stages of the Waste Local Plan Review. There was also a request for comments on the draft ‘Key Issues’ document (now referred as ‘Issues and Options Paper’) that had been forwarded prior to the original meeting/workshop date of 29 January 2004.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The contents of the Appendix B to be noted, work on the proposed Actions (from Appendix B) to be continued in preparation for the ‘Issues and Options’ Paper that will be presented for formal consultation after the enactment of the Planning and Compulsory Purchasing Bill (due July 2004).