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**Example of Strategic Environmental Assessment/Sustainability Appraisal Issues and Options to be Appraised**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 For members of the Panel to consider the first draft Issues and Options and a worked example of the options appraisal carried out by Land Use Consultants as part of their work on the Strategic Environmental Assessment/Sustainability Appraisal of the Waste Local Plan review.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 As indicated in the Panel paper relating to Item 6 on the Agenda, the review of the Waste Local Plan will need to be the subject of a strategic environmental appraisal (SEA). The methodology for this incorporates the County Council's own guidance on sustainability appraisal (SA), which goes wider than, but incorporates environmental appraisal.
- 2.2 Land Use Consultants have been employed to carry out the Strategic Environmental Assessment/Sustainability Appraisal (SEA/A) of the Waste Local Plan.
- 2.3 The most recent stage in this process is to identify the key issues of the Plan that need to be reviewed and develop options for the dealing with each of those issues.
- 2.4 The most recent SEA/SA guidance (produced by ODPM) states that the aim of this stage of the process is to define a range of broad, strategic options for each issue and to consider the main advantages and disadvantages of these in terms of sustainable development.
- 2.5 The table attached at appendix A lists the 1<sup>st</sup> draft issues and options. Appendix B shows a worked up example of evaluating one of these options: 'Overall Balance of The Plan'. The options listed are then appraised in terms of their sustainability.

- 2.6 The example given deals with one issue in isolation, the full list of Issues and Options will be presented to the Panel at a later date. It is intended that the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Issues and Options be considered at the workshop with the Districts on 29 January to assess whether there are other issues and options that should be included.
- 2.7 The development of this list of Issues and Options will then form the basis of the Key Issues and Options Document, which will be the pre-deposit consultation document produced as the first formal stage of review.

### **3.1 Conclusion**

- 3.1 The example given shows how the Issues and Options for the Waste Local Plan review will be appraised. The full list of Issues and Options will be appraised in the same way and presented at the next panel meeting.
- 3.2 The Panel is therefore asked to endorse the approach that is being taken, as set out in this report.