

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Regulatory Committee
Date:	15 September 2021
Title:	Update to the Liaison Panel Protocol
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1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regulatory Committee members of the updated Liaison Panel Protocol.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Regulatory Committee notes the updated Liaison Panel Protocol and provides and comments on the draft before finalisation and publication on the County Council's website.

3 Contextual information

- 3.1 Liaison Panels are set up to support the operation of minerals or waste developments in Hampshire. The Liaison Panels ensure continued communication and co-operation between the Hampshire County Council, local communities (including neighbouring communities outside of Hampshire), the operator, the relevant Hampshire District or Borough Council and other interested parties following planning permission being granted for minerals and waste developments.
- 3.2 The Liaison Panel Protocol has been prepared to provide guidance on the establishment of Liaison Panels for minerals and waste sites in Hampshire. It contains information and example templates to help facilitate the set up and organisation of the panels. This draft updates the Protocol previously published in 2018.
- 3.3 The Protocol is relevant where a Liaison Panel has been requested by Regulatory Committee as a result of Hampshire County Council granting planning permission for a development as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority. This Protocol can also be used for Liaison Panels which have been set up voluntarily by the operator but should only be considered as purely advisory in such circumstances.

3.4 The Protocol provides more information on the following areas:

1. What are Liaison Panels?
2. When will Liaison Panels be required by Hampshire County Council?
3. How should the panels be established and managed?
4. Membership of the Liaison Panels;
5. What additional guidance / templates are available to help set up a Panel?

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	No
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	No

OR

This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:

The report outlines changes to the Liaison Panel Protocol which is for guidance only

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

- **Equality Duty**

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The decision in this report relates to the internal governance processes of the Regulatory Committee and therefore has a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics.