

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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Contaminated Land Strategy Review (2007)

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APPENDICES	Appendix 1 - Contaminated Land Strategy Review The Appendix to this report has been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for details)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To amend the existing strategy in the light of recent legislative and regulatory changes which reflect the current working practices associated with delivering the contaminated land strategic objectives.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Cabinet:**

The amended Contaminated Land Strategy (2007-2010), as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report, be approved.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The document amends the existing strategy, adopted in 2001, for the next 3 years. The document details various milestones in the government's programme and marries the Council's key corporate objectives to those defined by guidance relating to site identification, risk analysis, protecting the public and joint working with other interested parties, such as, the Council's Planning department and the Environment Agency.

3.2 Key areas of change identified since the Strategy's publication in 2001 are:-

- Timescales for the implementation of the Council's targets on pages 19 and 20 have now changed.
- Since the formal adoption of the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy Government guidelines have been subject to change. ICRCL guidelines have been withdrawn and replaced by a set of soil guideline values for 10 different contaminants. The Council has invested in the WS Atkins Consultants soil screening values which are used where there is no SGV available for a contaminant.
- The timescale for the Council's priority actions on pages 24 and 25 have been amended since the adoption of the original strategy in April 2001. New targets have been set in accordance with the remaining objectives.
- Two new Best Value Performance Indicators have been introduced for contaminated land, BV216a and BV216b. The Strategy now reflect these requirements, and tie in with the local performance indicator for site inspections.

3.3 This plan is seen as an important document ensuring that objectives and performance targets are met to continually improve land quality within the Wyre Forest District.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The adoption of this amended document will reflect current guidance and changes in legislation.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal and policy implications.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 The adoption of this amended strategy would help towards showing compliance with Natural England (formerly DEFRA) codes of practice relating to efficient and effective service delivery.

8. CONSULTEES

8.1 Head of Planning, Health and Environment

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Local Authority Guide to Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990

9.2 The Environmental Protection Act 1990

9.3 The Environment Act 1995

9.4 The Contaminated Land (England) Regulations 2000 SI200 No 227

9.5 DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land

9.6 Memorandum of Understanding: Environment Agency and Local Government Association Annex C: Protocol for Land Contamination

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