

Report to

Decision to be taken on or after 21st February 2020

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Cabinet Member Report No. PE01.20

Title:	Buckinghamshire County Council Local Aggregate Assessment 2018
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Local members affected:	(All Electoral Divisions);

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Summary

The report seeks approval of the annual monitoring document for Local Aggregate Assessment which considers the minerals activity in the county during 2018 calendar year so that it can be published and made available to the minerals industry.

Recommendation

To approve the Local Aggregates Assessment 2018 report for publication.

A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

- 1. Buckinghamshire County Council is the Mineral Planning Authorities for the county and is required under the NPPF, paragraph 207, to produce an annual Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA). The LAA provides an annual evaluation of aggregate supply and demand in the county, and examines a rolling average of the most recent ten years sales data, as well as other**



- relevant local information in order to develop an assessment of all supply options.
2. LAAs are summaries of factual information concerning sales and reserves of aggregates, and the destinations of sales, and overall analyses of the supply situation in the County. The LAA is a monitoring tool to indicate when additional aggregates needs to be brought forward through the MWLP policies and site allocations. LAAs are critical parts of the Local Plan supporting evidence.
 3. The LAA uses the most recently available information in order to monitor and review aggregates within the county. The LAA demonstrates how much sharp sand & gravel and soft sand were sold by quarries within Buckinghamshire during the period January to December 2018. It also provides information on the county's permitted reserves at the end of 2018 as well as indicating sales for secondary and recycled aggregates.
 4. The LAA 2018 shows that sales for sand and gravel in 2018 had decreased from the sales during 2017 and the permitted reserves in the county have remained comparable to 2017. Although, there was a 16.2% decrease in sales for 2017, the 10 year average slightly increase compared to the previous 10 year average.

B. Other options available, and their pros and cons

5. The information contained in the report provides the minerals industry data on the minerals extraction and sales activity and can be used to help inform the county's development control committee's decisions on the planning applications . Approval of the Report will enable the information to be made publically available and assist the officers to make recommendations on planning application with up to date information.

C. Resource implications

6. There are no resource implications arising from this report. Monitoring of the mineral extraction activities in the County, preparing the report and making it available to the public and the minerals industry is a responsibility of the Strategic Planning Team.

D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment

7. N/A

E. Legal implications

8. There are no legal implications arising from this report as the content of the report is an assessment of the mineral extraction activities in the county that provide factual statistical data.

F. Property implications

9. N/A

G. Unitary Council

10. The publication of the LAA 2018 doesn't have any implications on the new Unitary Council. It is a statutory requirement for the Minerals Planning Authority to produce a

LAA each year and as such Buckinghamshire Council will be required to produce and sign off one each year.

H. Other implications/issues

11. None

I. Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views

12. Consultation has been undertaken with the authorities within the South East Aggregates Working Party (SEEAWP). SEEAWP had a number of few clarification points to make on the draft LAA at its meeting on 14th November 2019. These have been addressed in the version for publication.

13. The Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment views were sort on the draft report ahead of the consultation with the SEEAWP.

J. Communication issues

14. Following approval of the document, it will available on the County Council website.

K. Progress Monitoring

15. N/A

L. Review

16. N/A

Appendix

Local Aggregate Assessment 2018

Background Papers

[Local Aggregate Assessment 2017](#)

Your questions and views

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