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## **ESSEX AND SOUTHEND WASTE LOCAL PLAN**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs Members of urgent action taken under the procedure agreed by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2000 (Minute 254/00).

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council have completed work on the Waste Local Plan and published notice of their intention to adopt the Plan after 20<sup>th</sup> September 2001. The adoption procedure includes an opportunity for the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions to direct that the Plan is not adopted in whole or in part until he is satisfied that it is in accordance with Government Policy.
- 2.2 A letter has been received from Colchester Borough Council seeking this Council's support for a request to the Secretary of State to direct that the Plan not be adopted because it misrepresents Government policy, does not comply with national policy, disregarded the views of the objectors, and is in conflict with the policy of the Joint Waste Advisory Board. It is understood that several other Councils have written to the Secretary of State in a similar vein.
- 2.3 Taking into account the views of Colchester and other Councils, it was agreed under the urgency procedures that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State asking him to direct that the Waste Plan is not adopted after 20<sup>th</sup> September 2001 in order to allow further time for consideration and reflection on the implications of the proposed policy framework for Essex.

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#### **Background Papers:**

Essex and Southend Waste Local Plan and supporting documents.  
Letter from Colchester Borough Council dated 11 September 2001.

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