

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT

**For Delegated Decision by County Councillor Rosemarie Harris
Portfolio Holder for Regeneration**

21st March 2014

REPORT AUTHOR: Service Manager – Spatial Planning & Built Heritage

**SUBJECT: South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party,
Regional Technical Statement Review 2013 - 2014.**

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to confirm the Council's endorsement of the Regional Technical Statement review (RTS). Background on the RTS is contained in the Cabinet Report [C189 - 2013](#). The final edition for endorsement is attached as appendices to this report.

2. Proposal

2.1 The Portfolio Holder responsible for Planning Policy (currently Regeneration) was granted delegated authority by Cabinet on 10th September 2013 to endorse the RTS on behalf of the County Council (Cabinet agenda item [C189 - 2013](#)).

2.2 The County Council responded to consultation on the RTS in December 2013. Details of the response are in the delegated decision of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration ([Volume 14 – 2013, Period ending 10 December 2013](#))

2.3 The Key issues addressed in the response were:

- a) Support for the crushed rock apportionment of 62.75 million tonnes over 25 years.
- b) Support for the land-won sand & gravel apportionment of nil.
- c) Suggesting a proposed approach to Minerals Safeguarding in LDPs.

2.7 No changes have been made to either the crushed rock or the land won sand and gravel apportionment following the consultation. This was confirmed at a meeting of the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party on 6th February 2014.

2.8 The proposed approach to minerals safeguarding in LDPs was considered by consultants preparing the RTS, however resulted in no changes; the RTS being a technical rather than policy document.

2.8 The Member forum to endorse the RTS will be held on 1st April 2014 in Llandrindod Wells. Subject to endorsement at the Member forum, the RTS will then be endorsed by the relevant Welsh Government Minister.

3. Powys Change Plan 2013-16

3.1 The two intended outcomes in the Change Plan most obviously related to the RTS are:

- People in Powys will enjoy a cleaner, safer and greener environment (p28)
- People in Powys benefit from a thriving diverse economy (p25)

4. Options Considered/Available

- 4.1 The options available are:
- a) To endorse the RTS.
 - b) To oppose the RTS.

5. Preferred Choice and Reasons

5.1 The preferred choice is to endorse the RTS.

5.2 It is considered that the crushed rock and land based sand and gravel apportionment is reasonable, supporting a more sustainable pattern of supply of aggregates in the region. The RTS will provide key evidence to inform the Deposit Local Development Plan.

5.3 The following statement should also be noted:

‘Where the local authorities involved are unable to reach agreement, or if individual local authorities do not accept the Regional Technical Statement, the Welsh Government will, as a last resort, consider its default powers to intervene in the planning process’.

([Mineral Technical Advice Note 1, Aggregates \(2000\)](#), paragraph A3).

6. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder/Welsh Language

6.1 ‘The review of the Regional Technical Statement, in seeking a more sustainable pattern of the supply of aggregates will help to meet the Welsh Government’s overarching objective in planning for aggregates provision to ensure supply is managed in a sustainable way so that the best balance between environmental, economic and social considerations is struck, while making sure that the environmental and amenity impacts of any necessary extraction are kept to a level that avoids causing demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance.’ [Mineral Technical Advice Note 1, Aggregates \(2000\)](#).

7. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

7.1 The RTS, in seeking a more sustainable pattern of the supply of aggregates, will help to minimise the environmental impacts of any necessary extraction, in the public interest including children and young people.

8. Local Member(s)

8.1 The RTS may be of interest to all Members.

9. Other Front Line Services

9.1 The RTS is of importance to Development Management for information purposes.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)

10.1 Legal have been consulted and have no comments to make.

10.2 The Service Accountant commented that there are no financial implications.

11. Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

11.1 On completion, the RTS should be reported to the LSB for information purposes.

12 Communications

12.1 On completion, the RTS should be brought to the attention of all Members and Heads of Service.

13 Statutory Officers

13.1 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows:

13.2 The Strategic Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

14. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

15 Future Status of the Report

This section has not been completed because the report is not a confidential/exempt report.

Recommendation to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration:	Reason for Recommendation:
To endorse the first review of the Regional Technical Statement as appended to this report.	To confirm that Powys Minerals Planning Authority endorses the first review of the Regional Technical Statement.

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y
Relevant Local Member(s):	Relevant to all Members – see Section 8 above		
Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Service Manager – Spatial Planning & Built Heritage		
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	19/3/2013		
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

[Board Report - Draft Regional Technical Statement \(Aggregates\). \(B45 – 2008\)](#)

[Regional Technical Statement \(RTS\) \(October 2008\)](#)

[Mineral Technical Advice Note 1, Aggregates \(2000\)](#)

[Powys Change Plan 2013-16](#)

Cabinet agenda item [C189 - 2013](#)

Delegated decision of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration ([Volume 14 – 2013, Period ending 10 December 2013](#)).

RTS review documentation <http://www.swrawp-wales.org.uk/Html/rtsreview2013.html>