

Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 1st April 022-31st March 2023

Planning Policy Committee Thursday, 21 March 2024

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive

Purpose: For decision

Publication status: Open

Wards affected: All

Executive summary:

The Council has prepared an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 in accordance with section 113 of the Localism Act 2011 and section 34 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

This report supports the Council's priority of: Monitoring the effectiveness of our planning policies and procedures.

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Recommendation to Committee:

That the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 (Appendix A) be approved for publication and be made available for public and stakeholder scrutiny on the Council's website.

Reason for recommendation:

The requirement for a local authority to produce an annual Authority Monitoring Report (an AMR) is set out in section 113 of the Localism Act 2011.

Introduction and background

- 1 The Localism Act 2011 requires every local planning authority to produce a series of reports containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme, the progress and effectiveness of the Local Plan and the extent to which the planning policies set out in the Local Plan documents are being achieved.
- 2 Monitoring and reporting on current planning policies tells the community and other stakeholders how the Council's planning function is performing.
- 3 The Monitoring Report is a good way to gather evidence on the effectiveness of existing policies, for future policy making, and supporting development management decisions. It identifies areas where objectives aren't being met and where changes to policy or development management may be necessary.
- 4 Good monitoring and reporting will assist Councillors in their scrutiny function. It will also be a useful tool for neighbourhood planning – encouraging communities to engage in future policy making and helping them understand where neighbourhood plans 'sit' in the whole context of the development plan in the District.
- 5 The last annual Authority Monitoring Report was for 2021/22 and this report now provides an update for 2022/23. By consequence, the report presents factual updates as of 31st March 2023, which may not reflect the position of March 2024. The position as of March 2024 will be presented in the 2023/24 Authority Monitoring Report.

Key implications

Comments of the Chief Finance Officer

- 6 There are no direct financial implications of this report. As such, the Section 151 Officer supports the recommendations.

Comments of the Head of Legal Services

- 7 The Council, as Local Planning Authority (LPA), is required by section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to prepare and make public an annual monitoring report containing information as to the implementation of the local development scheme and the extent to which the policies in local development documents are achieving their targets. Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) sets out the information that must be contained within a LPA's Authority Monitoring Report.

Equality

Duty under the Equalities Act 2010

In assessing this proposal, the following impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation). The proposal would have a neutral impact on the protected characteristics.

Climate change

There are no significant environmental / sustainability implications associated with this report.

Appendix

Appendix A - Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 (separate document provided)

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