

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

Meeting:	Executive
Date:	September 5th 2016
Subject:	Planning Authority Annual Monitoring Report
Report of:	Head of Planning and Regeneration
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Jo Brodrick
Status:	For information
Relevant Ward(s):	All

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 For the Executive to be informed about the contents of the 2015/16 Planning Authority Annual Monitoring Report.

2 Recommendations:

- 2.1 That the Executive note the content of the 2015/16 Planning Authority Annual Monitoring Report (attached as Appendix A).**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

- 3.1 For the Executive to be informed about the completion and content of the Authority Annual Monitoring Report 2015-16.

4 Key Facts

- 4.1 Section 113 of the Localism Act 2011 requires every authority to produce a monitoring report containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the planning policies set out in the adopted Core Strategy are being achieved. This enables the effects of a policy to be monitored transparently to enable a plan to respond quickly to changing circumstances and to implement change where a policy may not be working as anticipated.

4.2 The attached report (Appendix A) forms the Authority Monitoring Report for the year 2015/16. It provides information at April 2016 on:

- The Local Development Scheme and Local Plan preparation;
- Housing Land Supply (including the Council's latest position in terms of five year housing land supply);
- Monitoring of delivery of Core Strategy objectives in accordance with the Core Strategy Monitoring Framework;
- Neighbourhood Development Plans;
- Duty to Co-operate matters;
- Social Indicators; and
- Published reports on local planning matters;

4.3 The Council's Monitoring Officer advises that although considering the Authorities Monitoring Report it is not an Executive function, however, it is being reported to the Executive for their information and to ensure they remain fully up to date and informed.

4.4 The information in the Monitoring Report is based at 31 March 2016.

5. Resource Issues

5.1 None. The Monitoring Report has been prepared by the Strategic Plan team.

6 Equality Analysis Implications/Outcomes

6.1 None.

7. Risk Management Implications

7.1 Monitoring of existing policies and plans helps to inform their review and seeks to ensure that policies are identified for adjustment through statutory planning procedures as needed. The Authority Annual Monitoring Report may be used in evidence to help justify a new planning policy. It therefore helps the Local Plan preparation/adoption process with consequent beneficial effect on the following Corporate Risks:

7.2 CR 08 Risk of challengeable planning decisions being taken relating to planning applications for residential development / Risk of planning appeals being upheld relating to residential planning applications.

7.3 CR 10 Local Plan Risks: lack of a sound Local Plan may lead to sporadic development and the inability to defend appeals.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 Consultation has taken place with various organisations in the preparation of the Monitoring Report. The contents of this report has also been subject to consultation with the Planning and Regeneration Portfolio Holder.

9. Options

- 9.1 The main alternative option would be not to publish a Planning Authority Annual Monitoring Report. This option is not recommended as it would leave the Council in the position of not being able to comply with regulations set out in the Localism Act 2011.

10. Background Papers

- 10.1 Appendix A: Authority Monitoring Report 2015-16