

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 9th MARCH 2020

PUBLIC REPORT: Y

EXEMPT REPORT: N

Report Title	Monitoring of the Local Plan
KEY DECISION	N
Report Author	Strategic & Local Planning Manager
Purpose of Report	To seek approval to publish the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) for 2018/19. To endorse the approach to future monitoring of the adopted Harborough Local Plan (2011-2031).
Reason for Decision	To meet the requirements of legislation governing Local Plan monitoring.
Portfolio (holder)	Councillor J Bateman (Regulatory)
Corporate Priorities	PLACE: An enterprising, vibrant place CO 2 Wider Employment Choice CO 3 Quality Homes for All
Financial Implications	Nil. Resources to monitor the Local Plan are contained within the existing financial and staffing resource of the Council.
Risk Management Implications	See section 3.0 below.
Environmental Implications	The AMR monitors the delivery of the Local Plan including delivery of new homes and employment land. The environmental impacts of development are considered through the plan-making and development management process.
Legal Implications	The requirement to publish an AMR and the duty to monitor the Local Plan is governed by legislation. The content of the 2018/19 AMR and the proposed monitoring approach for the 2011-2031 Local Plan have been prepared accordingly.
Equality Implications	Monitoring of the new Local Plan will include consideration of monitoring equalities issues.
Data Protection Implications	The AMR reflects the Council's obligations under the GDPR regulations.
Consultation	No consultation has taken place.
Options	<u>Not publishing the AMR or undertaking Local Plan monitoring.</u> - The Council may fail to meet the requirements to publish an AMR, and potentially fail in its obligation to

	monitor the Local Plan. There are not considered to be any appropriate alternative options.
Background Papers	None.
Appendices	Appendix 1: AMR 2018/19 Appendix 2: Local Plan 2011-2031 Monitoring Framework
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approve publication of the 2018/19 Annual Monitoring Report on the Council's website; and 2. That Cabinet endorse the future monitoring approach for the adopted Harborough Local Plan 2011-2031

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Monitoring is an integral part of the planning process. Each Local Planning Authority has a duty to prepare an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR is the principal way we monitor the delivery of the Development Plan.
- 1.2 The plan-led system requires the Development Plan to be the starting point for the consideration of planning applications. Through a plan, monitor, manage approach, the Council can evidence how the Development Plan is being delivered and identify any issues where further action may be needed.
- 1.3 The AMR reports on the 2018/19 monitoring period from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019, prior to the adoption of the Harborough Local Plan on 30 April 2019. During this time the Development Plan comprised of the Harborough District Core Strategy 2006-2028, any made Neighbourhood Plans and the Minerals and Waste Planning Documents prepared by Leicestershire County Council. As such, the AMR reports on indicators set out in the Core Strategy.

2 Key Facts

- 2.1 The AMR report for the 2018/19 period can be found at Appendix 1. It includes information in relation to progress made in preparing the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plan preparation, housing and employment land monitoring, other monitoring, and the Duty to Cooperate log.
- 2.2 Key findings from the 2018/19 AMR are:
 - The Council has a 7.04 years supply of housing.
 - Housing delivery of 729 units including 90 affordable rented and 81 shared ownership.
 - 0.3ha of net additional land was completed and 94ha of net additional land was committed to employment uses.
- 2.3 A new Development Plan, the Harborough Local Plan 2011-2031, was adopted on 30 April 2019. The delivery of this plan now needs to be monitored. Monitoring of the implementation of this new Local Plan will be captured in future AMRs.

- 2.4 The monitoring requirements of the Local Plan 2011-2031 are set out within the Local Plan document itself. Chapter 12 - Implementation, Monitoring and Review requires the factors that could trigger a full or partial update of the Local Plan to be regularly monitored. Appendix K: Monitoring Framework sets out the Key Performance Indicators for monitoring the adopted Plan. Each individual policy section includes an individual policy monitoring section, after each policy.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 sets out the proposed Monitoring Framework for the 2020 AMR. It sets out how the key performance indicators for the plan will be monitored. This includes identifying existing monitoring processes that will need to continue and any additional monitoring processes that are being established.

3 Risk Management Implications

- 3.1 The Authority Monitoring Report is a key way that the Council complies with the requirements to monitor the Local Plan. Looking forward the next AMR will report on the monitoring from 2019/20 and will help understand the implementation of the new Local Plan.

4 Legal Issues

- 4.1 The requirement for the local planning authority to produce an AMR and the content of it, is set out under Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) revised in March 2019. The 2018/19 AMR and proposed Monitoring framework for the Local Plan 2011-2031 will comply with these requirements.

5 Equality Implications

- 5.1 The AMR presents the findings of monitoring undertaken in 2018/19 monitoring period. The implementation of the monitoring framework for the Local Plan 2011-2031 will include consideration of monitoring Equalities impact of the Local Plan.

6 Options

6.1 Not publishing the AMR

The Council may fail to meet the requirements to publish an AMR, and potentially fail in its obligation to monitor the Local Plan.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 None.