

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Service Delivery		
DECISION DATE:	On or after 1 st December 2010	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:	
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TITLE:	Annual Monitoring Report 2009 - 2010		
WARD:	All		
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Bath & North East Somerset Council has a statutory requirement to submit an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to the Secretary of State by 31st December each year. The AMR is a component of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and it performs two key tasks:
- (i) The review of plan production progress i.e. an assessment of the implementation of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and;
 - (ii) The monitoring of plan output to assess the extent to which Development Plan policies are being implemented and the degree to which the objectives of the Local Development Framework are being met.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The Annual Monitoring Report is agreed for submission to the Secretary of State and for publication.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Progress on the LDS commitments has contributed in the past to the calculation of Planning Delivery Grant from central government. In the future, the Department for Communities and Local Government has indicated that this aspect of planning grant will be linked to house building rates through the 'New Homes Bonus Scheme'.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 4.1 As stated above the AMR reports on the progress against Development Plan targets and the plan production process. It therefore highlights challenges which need to be addressed to meet Development Plan objectives as well as regional and national policy. It makes a particular contribution to the following Council priorities:

- Sustainable growth
- Improving the availability of Affordable Housing
- Addressing the causes and effects of Climate Change
- Improving transport and the public realm

5 THE REPORT

Introduction

- 5.1 The Council has a statutory requirement under the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act to Submit an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to the Secretary of State by 31st December each year. The AMR is a component of the Local Development Framework (LDF). This AMR reports on the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

- 5.2 The AMR performs two key tasks:

- A. The review of plan production progress as set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and;
- B. The monitoring of outputs to assess the extent to which planning policies are achieving their objectives.

A. Review of Plan Production

- 5.3 The AMR compares actual document preparation over the year against the targets and milestones for production set out in the LDS.

B. Monitoring Policy effectiveness

National indicators

- 5.4 To assess the effectiveness of planning policies, a monitoring system based on a range of output indicators has been developed to judge policy implementation against the objectives that they are designed to achieve.

Local indicators

5.5 *Local Output indicators* that are tailored to the particular local circumstances of Bath & North East Somerset are developed on an incremental basis if necessary to ensure robust assessment of policy implementation. The national core output indicators generally cover the headline issues.

Themes covered in the AMR

5.6 The AMR reports on:

- progress against Local Plan targets for the amount of office floor space developed and on the amount of industrial type floor space released.
- housing delivery and housing land supply against the requirements set out in the Local Plan. The position is also considered in the context of draft Core Strategy targets.
- progress against local transport targets.
- retail and leisure development across the district and its main urban areas, monitoring gains and losses of shopping and leisure floor space.
- the amount of household waste generated and the way that it's dealt with based on data produced by the Council's Waste Services department.
- extraction of minerals, which is not a significant sector in Bath & North East Somerset.
- the extent to which the Council's development control decisions accord with the advice given by the Environment Agency.
- the effect of development proposals on priority wildlife habitats and species.
- renewable energy installations.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The report author and Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

7.1 As the AMR is not developing new policies or strategies an equalities impact assessment is not deemed to be necessary.

8.0 RATIONALE

8.1 Preparation and submission of the AMR is a statutory requirement.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Not required for the AMR

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Sustainability and Other Legal Considerations.

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) has had the opportunity to input to this report and has cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	Local Development Scheme, 2009 Bath & North East Somerset Local Plan, 2007
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