



Report To: Planning Portfolio Holder

10 March 2015

Lead Officer: Jo Mills (Director of Planning and New Communities)

Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 (Part 2)

Purpose

1. To approve the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 (Part 2) for publication on the Council's website.
2. This is not a key decision but raises matters relating to communities living or working in the district and is a document the Council is required to prepare.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Planning Portfolio Holder:
 - (a) approves the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report 2013-2014 (Part 2) (included as Appendix 1) for publication; and
 - (b) delegates any further minor editing changes to the Annual Monitoring Report to the Director of Planning and New Communities where they are technical matters.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. Local planning authorities are required to publish information monitoring progress of the implementation of their Local Development Scheme and planning policies included in their development plan documents at least on an annual basis. The Annual Monitoring Report is also required to give details of what action the Council has taken relating to the duty to co-operate, details of any neighbourhood development orders or neighbourhood development plans made, and once the Council has an adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, information relating to the collection and spending of CIL monies. Due to the Local Plan examination pressures, this AMR has been prepared in two parts. Part 1 of the AMR, covering key issues such as the Local Development Scheme and housing trajectory, was agreed on 18 November 2014. This Part 2 covers the remaining indicators.

Background

5. Monitoring is essential to establish what has been happening in the district, what is happening now, what may happen in the future, and what needs to be done to achieve policies and targets.

6. This is the tenth Annual Monitoring Report produced by the Council and covers the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014. The Annual Monitoring Report includes indicators to measure the performance of the Council's adopted planning policies, and also to measure change in the district against the objectives set out in the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports and to look at the wider effects of its planning policies on the district. The Annual Monitoring Report also includes details on the action the Council has taken relating to the Duty to Co-operate and of any neighbourhood development orders or neighbourhood development plans made.
7. Part 1 of the Annual Monitoring Report was agreed for publication at the Planning Portfolio Holder meeting on 18 November 2014. Part 1 outlines the Council's progress against its adopted Local Development Scheme, details on the action the Council has taken relating to the Duty to Co-operate and of any neighbourhood development orders or neighbourhood development plans made, and reports on the majority of the housing indicators. It also includes the Council's housing trajectory setting out predicted housing supply to 2031 and its five year housing land supply.

Considerations

8. Part 2 of the Annual Monitoring Report has now been prepared. Part 2 reports on the employment and retail indicators, environmental indicators and remaining housing indicators. It also reports on the indicators included in the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports which measure the wider effects of its planning policies on the district. For ease of use, Part 2 of the Annual Monitoring Report has been incorporated into a complete version of the Annual Monitoring Report (see Appendix 1 of this report), and therefore the Annual Monitoring Report includes all the data and commentary included in Part 1 together with the additional data and commentary for the outstanding sections. The date of publication of each section is included in the footer of each page. The version attached to this report also shades in grey the Part 1 text already considered and agreed by the Portfolio Holder in November 2014 for convenience.
9. Chapter 2 of the Annual Monitoring Report sets out the key results from the data collected, and provides a commentary as an overview to the detailed monitoring of indicators in the Annual Monitoring Report. New commentary on the indicators included in Part 2 of the Annual Monitoring Report has been added. The monitoring of the performance of the Council's planning policies has shown that development granted planning permission in the district is generally in accordance with the adopted planning policies.

Options

10. It is a legal requirement that the Council publishes an Annual Monitoring Report.

Implications

11. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:

Legal and Risk Management

12. Local planning authorities are required to publish information monitoring progress on the implementation of their Local Development Scheme and planning policies included in their development plan documents at least on an annual basis.

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

13. Council officers and external organisations have provided information and data for the indicators included in the Annual Monitoring Report.
14. The Youth Council has not been consulted as the Annual Monitoring Report is a technical assessment of the Council's progress on preparing its planning policy documents and the performance of the Council's adopted planning policies.

Effect on Strategic Aims

Aim 1: We will engage with residents, parishes and businesses to ensure we deliver first class services and value for money.

15. The Annual Monitoring Report provides information on the Council's performance against its planning policies; these policies aim to provide successful, vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities.

Aim 2: We will work with partners to create opportunities for employment, enterprise, education and world-leading innovation.

16. The Annual Monitoring Report provides detailed analysis on how the Council's adopted planning policies have performed, and includes a number of indicators related to the Council's planning policies on employment and the wider effects of the LDF on the district including its economy.

Aim 3: We will ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents.

17. The LDF aims to satisfy the development needs of the area while preserving and enhancing its rich built and natural heritage and distinctive character and providing quality places where people are happy to live, work and play. The Annual Monitoring Report provides detailed analysis on how the Council's adopted planning policies have performed.

Background Papers

South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/local-development-framework>

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (submitted in March 2014):

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/localplan>

National Planning Policy Framework:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

National Planning Practice Guidance:

<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>

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