



Report To: Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder 11 February 2014
Lead Officer: Jo Mills (Director of Planning and New Communities)

Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2012-2013

Purpose

1. To approve the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2012-2013 for publication on the Council's website. The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) includes the Council's housing trajectory setting out predicted completions each year to 2031 and the Council's five-year housing land supply position. The commentary section of the AMR is attached as Appendix 1 (attached to printed copies of the agenda). The full AMR with detailed tables for all indicators is attached as Appendix 2 (on the website only).
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 Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder:
 - (a) approves the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report 2012-2013 (included as Appendix 2) 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 on 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.

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 ninth Annual Monitoring Report produced by the Council and covers the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013. The Annual Monitoring Report includes

over 90 indicators to measure the performance of the Council's adopted planning policies, and almost 65 indicators 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.

Considerations

7. Chapter 2 of the Annual Monitoring Report includes the key results from all the data collected, and provides a commentary to the AMR. It is attached as Appendix 1. The headlines from Appendix 1 are set out in the following paragraphs.

Progress against the Local Development Scheme

8. Preparation of the new Local Plan has progressed largely in accordance with the timetable set out in the January 2012 Local Development Scheme (LDS). Two additional rounds of public consultation on issues and options were held that were not included in the January 2012 LDS. As a result of these additional rounds of public consultation, the anticipated date for public consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan and date of submission were each pushed back a month. A revised LDS was published on the Council's website in December 2012 to reflect these changes. The LDS was updated in June 2013 to show submission in Spring 2014 and submission is now anticipated to be in March 2014.
9. A new LDS setting out the timetable for the remaining stages of the preparation of the Local Plan and also the timetable for the preparation of the Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan is being considered in a separate report on this agenda.

Action taken on Duty to Co-operate

10. The Council produced a Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate in June 2013 setting out how the Council has co-operated with other bodies in preparing the Local Plan. It has undertaken a wide range of engagement, discussion and joint working with local authorities and other public organisations to ensure that there has been a high level of cooperation in the preparation of the local plan. An update to the Duty to Co-operate Statement is attached to the Local Plan report elsewhere in this agenda.

Monitoring the Local Development Framework policies and Sustainability Appraisal objectives

11. 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.
12. The housing trajectory identifies predicted annual housing completions from existing and proposed allocations, planning permissions granted or with resolution to grant, and predicted windfalls. Against the **Proposed Submission Local Plan** (July 2013) which requires 19,000 dwellings to be provided between 2011 and 2031, the housing

trajectory shows that 22,206 dwellings are expected to be delivered, this is 17% (3,206 dwellings) more than the target. Excluding the windfall allowance of 2,800 dwellings, the housing trajectory shows that 19,406 dwellings are expected to be delivered.

13. Council decided in June 2013 that the housing target included in the **Proposed Submission Local Plan** (July 2013) should provide the basis for calculating 5-year housing land supply pending the adoption of the new Local Plan. This housing target comprises the current 'objectively assessed needs' as identified in the **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) for the Cambridge Sub Region Housing Market Area**. Relying on the SHMA to calculate South Cambridgeshire's five-year housing land supply was supported in a planning appeal decision issued in October 2013. For the five year period 2014-2019, the Council has 5.5 years of housing land or 109% of the five-year supply requirement. Including a 5% buffer, the Council has 5.2 years of housing land or 104% of the five-year supply requirement.

Options

14. It is a legal requirement that the Council publishes an Annual Monitoring Report, and that it monitors progress on the implementation of their Local Development Scheme and the performance of planning policies included in their development plan documents.

Implications

15. 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

16. 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)

17. The housing trajectory included in the Annual Monitoring Report has been produced in consultation with the various landowners, developers and agents responsible for the sites included in it. Council officers and external organisations have provided information and data for the indicators included in the Annual Monitoring Report.
18. 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 listen to and engage with residents, parishes and businesses to ensure we deliver first class services and value for money.

19. 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.

20. 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 make sure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents.

21. The LDF aims to satisfy the development needs of the Cambridge Sub Region 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.scams.gov.uk/content/local-development-framework>

South Cambridgeshire Proposed Submission Local Plan:

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

National Planning Policy Framework:

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

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