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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

Date: 21 January 2020

Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration

Subject: AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

SUMMARY

The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is a document providing an historical and factual record of progress in relation to the Council's planning functions. The content of the AMR is largely set by government regulation and Local Planning Authorities are required to produce such a report.

This report summarises the content, scope and purpose of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2018/19 (attached as Appendix A) with a view to publishing the report following consideration by the Panel.

The requirement for an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is set out in Planning Practice Guidance and is a statutory requirement. This monitoring report covers the period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Panel: -

- (a) provide comment or raise questions for clarification on the AMR for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix A;
- (b) note that the Director of Planning and Regeneration may make any necessary minor changes to the AMR 2018/19, prior to publication, providing that these do not change the overall direction, shape or emphasis of the document, and do not raise any significant issues; and
- (c) note that the report will be published, subject to any minor changes, on the Council's website.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is a statutory requirement for Local Authorities set out in Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Local Authorities must publish information at least annually.
2. The report enables the Council to keep track on our progress over the previous year, and provides transparency, enabling interested parties to review the Council's performance.
3. The AMR reports on the past financial year, from April to March, in this instance April 2018 to March 2019. The content of the AMR is largely dictated by the regulations. It provides information and data on a number of aspects of planning which are set out in Part 8 of the pre-mentioned requirements.

CONTENT OF THE AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

4. The monitoring report covers the following subjects:
 - Delivery and implementation - identifying progress of the emerging Local Plan against the milestones set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable;
 - Housing Delivery – reporting on housing completions during the monitoring period, including affordable housing and self and custom build housing;
 - Neighbourhood Planning – reporting on progress of neighbourhood plans in the Borough;
 - Planning Obligations – reporting on CIL and S106 receipts collected by the Council through planning applications during 2018/19;
 - Duty to Cooperate – identifying how the Council has engaged with neighbouring planning authorities, the county council, other bodies and the local community during the period of reporting;
 - Employment Floorspace Delivery – reporting on employment floorspace gains and losses during 2018/19, including any losses to residential;
 - Retail and Leisure Floorspace Delivery – reporting on retail and leisure floorspace developments during the monitoring period and identifying progress in relation to the assessed needs for retail floorspace.
5. This AMR also provides additional monitoring and delivery information across the following themes for which the Council's partner organisations have responsibility for delivery:
 - Transport and Movement - Reporting on improvements that have been announced, progressed or completed during and following the 2018/19 monitoring period;
 - Flood Risk and Coastal Management - Reporting on any residential applications approved against Environmental Agency advice and on projects impacting upon the coastline within the Borough during 2018/19;

- Biodiversity and the Natural Environment - Reporting on priority habitats and nature conservation designations, including the condition of these where such information is available during 2018/19.

PUBLICATION

6. The AMR is published on the Council's website and is available to view in the Civic Offices. It is aimed at a wide audience including Planners, Developers, Councillors, members of the public and other local authorities.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

8. The Authority Monitoring Report as set out in Appendix A is a factual document and does not, in itself, alter any of the Council's policies or strategies. The content of the report complies with the Council's statutory obligations under Section 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations.
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