

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

Date: 06 November 2024

Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration

Subject: AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

SUMMARY

Planning authorities are required to produce and publish an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) on an annual basis. The purpose of an AMR is to scrutinise and report on the implementation and performance of the Council's planning policies as set out in the adopted Local Plan and to review and report on the implementation of the timetable set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme. The Council have prepared the 18th AMR, covering the period of April 2023 to March 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the Authority Monitoring Report at Appendix A.

INTRODUCTION

1. Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are required to produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) on an annual basis. This information should be made available publicly.
2. This Authority Monitoring Report shows progress with local plan preparation, reports activity relating to the duty to cooperate, any information collected which relates to indicators in the plan.
3. The Authority Monitoring Report covers the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 and is set out to reflect the themes contained within the Local Plan, including those for which the Council's partner organisations have responsibility for delivery including:
 - Local Development Scheme, Duty to Cooperate and Neighbourhood Plans
 - Housing Delivery
 - Employment Delivery
 - Landscape, Design & Environment
 - Climate Change and Heritage
 - Transport and Infrastructure
 - Retail and Community.

SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES

4. The Authority Monitoring Report demonstrates that all policies within the Plan are being implemented as intended, and that the only policies not being used in decision making are generally related to site specific allocations which have yet to be subject to a planning application.
5. Of particular note, the AMR demonstrates shows that whilst housing delivery (dwellings built/completed) is significantly short of the Local Plan requirement, the number of permissions granted, and the progress of Local Plan allocated sites demonstrates that the Council is doing everything it can to deliver housing in the Borough and that whilst Councils play a substantial role in ensuring sufficient land is identified for new housing, it is the private sector that is responsible for the delivery of the vast majority of houses.
6. The AMR reveals that Local Plan has been successful in achieving sustainable development in the borough, protecting the borough's valued landscapes and countryside, with development focussed on brownfield sites and urban areas.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

CONCLUSION

8. The Council's 18th AMR demonstrates that the policies contained in the Local Plan were robust and successfully implemented, delivering planning permissions for sustainable development to meet the borough's needs.

Background Papers:

Reference Papers:

Enquiries:

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