


REPORT TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)**PURPOSE**

1. This report sets out the role and purpose of the planning Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). This report is presented at the request of the Chair of Scrutiny Committee

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Scrutiny Committee notes content of the report and AMR.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. The item was requested by Chair of Scrutiny Committee.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

The Role and Purpose of the AMR

4. The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) (formerly known as and still generally referred to as, the Annual Monitoring Report) sets out the Council's progress in plan-making and monitors the performance of policies in the Local Plan to see whether they are helping to deliver the vision and objectives of the Plan as set out and whether there is any need to formally update it. The AMR also sets out a baseline to inform any future policy development and information to inform other Council plans and strategies.
5. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, requires local authorities to publish information regarding the progress of their Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the implementation of their Local Plan policies; at least annually. Whilst the choice of indicators and scope of the monitoring report is generally for individual Councils to determine, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 require the report to contain as a minimum:
 - details of progress on each individual document proposed within the authority's LDS;
 - details of any local plan policies not being implemented;

- details of net additional dwellings/net additional affordable dwellings both in the monitoring period and since adoption of the plan;
- details of any neighbourhood development orders or neighbourhood development plans;
- details of the implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy, if appropriate; and
- details of activity relating to the duty to co-operate with other relevant authorities.

Reviewing the Local Plan

6. In 2017 the government introduced a legal requirement for a formal 'review' every five years to determine whether a Local Plan requires updating. The AMR would be key in establishing whether an update was necessary and also its scope. Whilst this matter is informally assessed each year through AMR, the five yearly 'review' would be made through a more formal statement via the appropriate member channels. Any decision to update of the Local Plan in part or in whole would be made through an update of the Local Development Scheme by the Council's Executive.

Local Plan Monitoring

7. Burnley's Local Plan was adopted on 31 July 2018 and a monitoring framework is set out in its Section 6.2. Where resources allow, additional monitoring indicators are added each year e.g., where particular issues or trends locally or national policy suggest they would be useful.
8. We are still in the relatively early days of monitoring the effectiveness of the Plan, it having only been adopted part way through the 2018/19 monitoring year; but even at this early stage it is possible to start to assess the performance of its policies.
9. Monitoring can also identify the need for further Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) e.g. a HMO and Small flats SPD is now being prepared.

SPD Monitoring

10. The AMR is also used to monitor adopted SPDs and the forthcoming 2020/21 AMR will pick up initial monitoring of the Developer Contributions and Air Quality Management: Protecting Health and Addressing Climate Change SPDs which were both adopted in December 2020.

The latest AMR

11. The 2019/20 AMR was completed in February 2021 and is available on the Council's website. Work is currently underway on the 2020/21 AMR. Pending the AMRs completion each year, the Council issues a Housing Statistics Release setting out the headline housing development statistics. The Release for 2020/21 has recently been issued and will be available on the Council's website shortly.

12. None arising directly from this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

13. As set out in the report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

14. None.