


## REPORT TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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### Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)

#### PURPOSE

1. This report presents the 2020/21 planning Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To scrutinise the 2020/21 planning Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

#### 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 the Plan. The AMR also sets out a wide range of contextual information to inform any future planning policy development and to inform other Council plans and strategies.

5. Legislation 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 'review' every five years to determine whether a Local Plan requires updating. This would be required by 31 July 2023. Monitoring information is a key factor in establishing whether an update of the Local Plan is necessary; and also its scope. Whilst this matter is informally assessed each year through the AMR, the five yearly 'review' would be made through a more formal statement via the appropriate member channels. Any decision to update the Local Plan in part or in whole would be made by the Council's Executive through an update of the Local Development Scheme.

## **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 nationally suggest they would be useful.

8. We are still in the 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. Among the key plan monitoring 'output' indicators are those on progress towards meeting the housing and employment land requirements set out in Policies SP2 (pages 43-44) and SP3 (page 70), and progress on the Plan's allocated Sites HS1, EMP1 and TC4 (pages 48-51, 72-73 and 77) as well as those showing housing delivery by location, type and tenure (tables 33, 34, 42). Key 'contextual' monitoring indicators include population and household statistics, town centre vacancies and empty homes, house prices, wages and unemployment statistics.

## **SPD Monitoring**

10. The AMR is also used to monitor adopted SPDs. Future AMRs will for example include information on HMOs.

## **The latest AMR**

11. The 2020/21 AMR was completed in December 2021 and is available on the Council's website [Authority Monitoring Report and Statistics - burnley.gov.uk](https://www.burnley.gov.uk/authority-monitoring-report-and-statistics). Work is currently underway on the 2021/22 AMR.

12. Pending the AMR's completion each year, the Council issues a 'Housing Statistics Release' setting out the headline housing development statistics. The Release for

2021/22 will be available on the Council's website shortly. In October each year an updated 5-year housing land availability assessment is also published. Maintaining a 5-year housing land supply is important in ensuring that the 'tilted balance' in favour of development set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is not engaged. [Housing Land Supply - burnley.gov.uk](https://www.burnley.gov.uk/housing-land-supply)

13. At the present time the Council is on track to meet its overall housing requirement and has a housing land supply of 9.2 years. Housing and population growth is broadly in line with the Local Plan's population and household projections. (Tables 5 and 30). ONS estimates show the borough's population has had seven consecutive years of growth and is at its highest level since 2002. According to the latest 2020 ONS estimates, it is still below the 1991 level and just below the 2001 level.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

14. None arising directly from this report.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

15. As set out in the report.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

16. None