

Report To:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	16th September 2015
Lead Member / Officer:	Cllr David Smith, Public Realm/ Angela Loftus, Strategic Planning & Housing Manager
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Title:	Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021: Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2015

#### 1. **What is the report about?**

The proposed publication of the first Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021 (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2015.

#### 2. **What is the reason for making this report?**

To inform Members of the content of the first LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

#### 3. **What are the Recommendations?**

That Members note the contents of this report.

#### 4. **Report details**

Under the obligations of section 76 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, and section 37 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005, the Council is duty bound to produce an annual monitoring report for submission to Welsh Government (WG) by 31st October each year and publication on its website.

The attached document, see Appendix 1, is the first annual monitoring report (AMR) prepared by Denbighshire Council. Although policy performance is assessed and based on the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, the document includes reference to changes in legislation and local circumstances that have influenced decision-making since Plan adoption in June 2013.

Monitoring represents an essential feedback loop within the process of policy-making. It should identify the key challenges, opportunities and possible ways forward for revising and adjusting local policies. The process is a tool for measuring the relevance and success of the LDP and identifying any changes necessary. It also provides feedback on the extent to which the LDP Strategy and policies are being delivered and achieved.

Officers will seek decision to submit the LDP AMR to Welsh Government from Cabinet in October 2015.

**5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

A decision is not sought on this item. However, the LDP contributes towards the following Corporate Priorities through setting out where and how new developments will be taken place up in the County up to 2021:

- Developing the local economy;
- Ensuring access to good quality housing; and
- Modernising the Council to deliver efficiencies and improve services for our customers

**6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

There are no costs for taking note of the content of this report.

**7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report**

An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been carried out because the report does not seek a decision on a Council policy, strategy, work procedure or programme. The AMR contains primarily statistical data that indicate LDP performance.

**8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

The interim LDP AMR was presented at Cabinet Briefing in January 2015. Members of the LDP Steering Group were consulted on the report structure and presentation. Officers will seek the final decision to submit the LDP AMR to Welsh Government from Cabinet in October 2015.

**9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

There are no anticipated financial implications associated with this report. However if any costs arise then they will need to be contained within existing revenue budgets for the service.

**10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

There are no risks identified.

**11. Power to make the Decision**

The statutory duty to produce an annual monitoring report is laid out in the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 76.