

Report To: Planning Committee

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Title: Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021: Draft
Annual Monitoring Report 2016

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

The proposed publication of the Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021 (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2016 and document submission to Welsh Government by 31st October 2016.

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

To inform Members of the content of the LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2016.

3. **What are the Recommendations?**

That Members note the contents of the LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2016, Appendix 1.

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.

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.

This is the second Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) prepared by Denbighshire County Council, and supplements the previous AMR 2015 report with regard to local policy performance and in gathering crucial evidence for the forthcoming LDP Review.

After setting out the general process of LDP monitoring and describing the socio-economic situation in the County, it starts with providing a brief update on the previous year's results and outlines legal and national policy changes.

This report discusses in detail subject areas and local policies that have been identified as not performing as expected or where legal changes outweigh previously defined indicators and trigger levels. These elements will be considered when the Council is carrying out the statutorily required LDP Review.

- LDP Growth Strategy (LDP Policy BSC 1, lack of 5-year housing land supply); It is argued that the prescribed calculation method contained in Technical Advice Note 1 leads to a technical shortage of available land that does not exist in reality.
- Meeting the needs of Gypsy and Travellers (LDP Policy BSC 10) and the need for waste disposal infrastructure (LDP Policy VOE 7/ 8); Legal and procedural changes have rendered superfluous local policy monitoring as defined in the LDP. Nevertheless, the Council is making progress in meeting the new requirements.
- LDP Policy PSE 1 'North Wales Coast Strategic Regeneration Area'; Policy Justification heavily relies on the corresponding Welsh Government programme that has ceased in March 2014.

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 Well-being Impact Assessment? The completed Well-being Impact Assessment report can be downloaded from the website and should be attached as an appendix to the report.

A Well-being Impact Assessment 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 draft Annual Monitoring Report was comprehensively discussed with potential implications for an early LDP review at the LDP Steering Group meeting on 21st September 2016.

9. **Chief Finance Officer Statement**

A Chief Officer Statement has not been sought because this report is for information, and does not seek a decision.

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.