

Report To:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	11th October 2017
Lead Member / Officer:	Cllr Brian Jones, Lead Member for Highways, Planning and Sustainable Travel/ Angela Loftus, Strategic Planning & Housing Manager
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Title:	Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021: Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2017

1. What is the report about?

The proposed publication of the Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021 (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2017 and document submission to Welsh Government by 31st October 2017.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To inform Members of the content of the LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2017.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Members note the contents of the LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2017, 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.

Coinciding with the production of this report, the Council has published the Draft LDP Review Report and is consulting on the proposal to start reviewing the current LDP and preparing a replacement LDP at the beginning of 2018. All Draft LDP Review documents are published on the Denbighshire County Council webpage. Both documents, i.e. AMR and Draft LDP Review Report, draw on local policy performance and, hence, complement each other.

This is the third Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) prepared by Denbighshire County Council, and supplements the previous two AMRs 2015 and 2016 with regard to local policy performance and in gathering crucial evidence for the forthcoming LDP Review.

This report discusses local policies that have been identified as not performing as expected or where legal changes outweigh previously defined indicators and trigger levels. It has become apparent over the last four years since LDP adoption that the following three principal areas of local policy are not performing as expected and are likely to be under review as part of the forthcoming replacement LDP:

- LDP Growth Strategy – failure to deliver number of dwellings as set out in chapter 5 of the LDP; linked to the Technical Advice Note (TAN) 1 ‘5-year housing land supply’ requirement;
- Gypsy & Traveller Sites –addressing the identified need as set out in the ‘Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment’; and
- Waste Management and Minerals – legislative and regulatory changes necessitate amendment of local policies and related monitoring indicators.

Further details on these three topics, including background information and implications for related local policies can be found in the Draft LDP Review Report and accompanying Information Papers (Building Sustainable Communities and Promoting a Sustainable Economy).

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 statistical data that indicate LDP performance.

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

There has been no discussion with Scrutiny.

9. **Chief Finance Officer Statement**

A Chief Officer Statement has not been sought because of the nature of the document and 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.