

Report To: Planning Committee

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Title: Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021:
Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2019

1. What is the report about?

This report is about the Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021 (LDP) Draft Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2019, which is currently drafted for submission to Welsh Government by the end of October 2019.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To inform Members of the Planning Committee of progress with implementing the adopted LDP; i.e. local policy performance for the financial year 2018/2019.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Members note the content of the Draft LDP AMR 2019, see Appendix 1.

4. Report details

- 4.1 The Council is duty bound to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for the adopted Denbighshire Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021 (LDP) under the obligations of Section 76 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Section 37 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005. Legal requirements include the submission of the finalised AMR to Welsh Government (WG) by the 31st of October each year and publication of the document on the Council's website.
- 4.2 Monitoring is a key stage within the circular process of planning policy-making. It provides essential feedback to the decision-maker on the performance of local policy and delivery of sites for development. The purpose is to show progress on implementing the LDP Strategy and to identify emerging opportunities, key challenges and outline potential solutions for the next stage when reviewing the adopted LDP.
- 4.3 Officers have produced the draft fifth Annual Monitoring Report (see Appendix I), which primarily strengthens the argument for reviewing the following plan elements and policy areas because of continuous underperformance:

- LDP Growth Strategy: The LDP Growth Strategy, and consequently the delivery of affordable housing, fails on the under-delivery of dwellings, as set out in the LDP Review Report, Information Paper: Building Sustainable Communities. Technical Advice Note (TAN) 1: 5-year housing land supply figure is 1.55 years.
- Addressing the needs of Gypsy and Travellers: LDP monitoring trigger requires the need for Gypsy and Travellers to be addressed within 18 months of receipt of the **Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment**.
- Waste Management and Minerals: Changes to legislative and regulatory requirements necessitate review of local policy and site designations.

4.4 Comprehensive details and the implications for policy review are set out in the Denbighshire LDP Review Report (December 2017); including the Information Papers. Copies of the report can be found on the DCC LDP website.

4.5 Since the Council is currently in the process of preparing the next Local Development Plan for the County, all published AMRs are going to be used as crucial evidence for justifying any changes to individual elements in the adopted LDP. This includes the introduction of new local policy. Members are therefore urged to familiarise themselves with the content of the AMR.

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

This item does not seek a decision. The adopted DCC Local Development Plan does however contribute towards the following Corporate Priorities through setting out where and how much new development will be taken place 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 neither costs nor any effects on other services from noting the content of this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

A Well-being Impact Assessment is not required because no decision is sought on Council policy, strategy, work procedure or programme. Members are only being asked to note the content. The Annual Monitoring Report is a statistical document reflecting local policy performance as part of the adopted LDP.

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

The draft Annual Monitoring Report has been discussed at the Strategic Planning Group meeting on the 2nd September 2019; with the agreement to submit the document to Planning Committee for information.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 'There are no budget implications arising from the Draft LDP AMR 2019.'

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

There are no risks associated with noting the content of the draft AMR 2019.

11. Power to make the Decision

This report does not seek a decision. The statutory duty to produce an AMR is laid out in the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 76. Part 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 sets out the requirement to submit the finalised DCC AMR 2019 to Welsh Government.