

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

**DATE OF MEETING: 6 DECEMBER 2022**

**TITLE OF REPORT: AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT**

**Report of:** Executive Director - Place

**Cabinet Portfolio:** Place

**Key Decision:** No

**Confidentiality:** Non Exempt

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To consider the draft Authority Monitoring Report for 2021/22 prior to its completion and publication.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Overview & Scrutiny committee note and comment on the content of the draft Annual Monitoring Report at Appendix 1.

### **BACKGROUND**

3. Planning authorities are required to publish an Authority Monitoring Report - AMR (previously known as an Annual Monitoring Report) each year. This AMR covers the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, unless otherwise stated.
4. The main purpose is to provide information on key planning matters including:
  - the implementation of policies in the Hart Local Plan (Strategy & Sites) 2032 (HLP32) which was adopted in April 2020;
  - progress on Neighbourhood Plans; and
  - activity under the Duty to Cooperate.
5. The AMR helps provide transparency for the public, developers, and other stakeholders with regards to the Council's key planning-related activities. It also provides an opportunity to convey other relevant activities and achievements under the various themes.

### **MAIN ISSUES**

6. A *draft* AMR is attached at Appendix 1.
7. The bulk of the AMR is completed, albeit with scope for refinement. In particular the piece on planning obligations can only be drafted once the Infrastructure Funding Statement for 2021/22, which is being prepared in parallel, has also been completed.
8. Where further work is intended this has sometimes been flagged within the document and will be resolved before publication.
9. Some key information is *not* set out in detail in the report because it is published separately at a different time in the year. For example, whilst the AMR provides the result of the five year housing land supply position (which is 10.9 years), and includes a full housing trajectory, it does not duplicate the actual [Five Year Housing Land Position Statement](#) which was published in August 2022. Another example is SANG provision and capacity, which is an ever-changing picture and is ideally published more frequently than once a year.

10. The committee is invited to comment on the draft AMR and raise any questions or suggestions. If changes cannot be made in time for this year's AMR, they can be considered for future years.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

11. There are no real alternatives since the requirement to publish an AMR is set out in legislation.

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or The Hart Vision 2040**

12. The Hart Corporate Plan 2017- 2022 has a range of key actives under four priorities, namely:
  - A thriving local economy;
  - A clean, green and safe environment;
  - Healthy communities and people, and
  - An efficient and effective Council.
13. The Hart Vision 2040 is for Hart to become the best place to live, work and enjoy through:
  - Creating a connected space;
  - Helping our local economy to thrive; and
  - Enhancing our environment and health.
14. The AMR reports how the implementation of the development plan through the development management process, the Council's Corporate Plan and Hart 2040 Vision is being implemented.

#### **Service Plan**

- Is the proposal identified in the Service Plan? Yes
- Is the proposal being funded from current budgets? Yes
- Have staffing resources already been identified and set aside for this proposal?  
Yes

#### **Legal and Constitutional Issues**

15. There are no legal or constitutional implications associated with this report.

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

16. There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.

#### **Risk Management**

17. There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

#### **EQUALITIES**

18. There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

19. There are no climate change implications associated with this report.
20. The AMR reports how the implementation of the development plan through the development management process, the Council is helping to implement developments which seek to mitigate and adapt to the effects of Climate Change and seek to support the achievement of the targets in the Council's Climate Emergency declaration.

## **ACTION**

21. Officers will finalise the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) and publish before the 31 December 2022.

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## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Draft Hart District Council Authority Monitoring Report 2021/22

## **Background Papers:**