

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

**DATE OF MEETING: 19 DECEMBER 2023**

**TITLE OF REPORT: AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2022/23**

**Report of: Executive Director – Place**

**Cabinet Portfolio: Planning Policy and Place**

**Key Decision: No**

**Confidentiality: Non-Exempt**

## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To consider the draft Authority Monitoring Report for 2022/23 prior to its publication.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Overview & Scrutiny committee note and comment on the content of the draft Authority Monitoring Report 2022/23 at Appendix 1.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. Planning authorities must publish an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) each year. These used to be called Annual Monitoring Reports.
4. AMRs provide information on key planning matters including the implementation of local plan policies, progress on preparing local plans and neighbourhood plans, and activity with adjoining authorities under the duty to cooperate. They provide transparency for the public, developers, and other stakeholders with regards to the Council's key planning-related activities.

## **MAIN ISSUES**

5. The draft AMR at Appendix 1 covers the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, unless otherwise stated. Some key points of note are:
  - 574 net new homes were built over the monitoring period. Since 2014, the start of the plan period, 5,169 net new homes have been built, which is 1,362 homes above the requirement for the period,
  - the Council continues to meet the Housing Delivery Test and demonstrate in excess of five years housing land supply. This means the countryside remains protected from greenfield development through its local plan policies,
  - provision of affordable homes is strong with 172 affordable homes completed in 2022/23. The Council adopted a 'Viability Appraisals for New Development Supplementary Planning Document' in November 2023 to help ensure optimum levels of affordable housing are secured with new development,
  - the Council is meeting its self & custom build requirements and needs for specialist and supported accommodation,
  - a new Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan was prepared passing referendum on 23 November 2023,

- a Viability in New Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted in November 2023,
  - a Cycle and Car Parking Standards in New Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is recommended for adoption at Cabinet in December 2023,
  - Under the duty to cooperate the Council is liaising with several neighbouring authorities at different stages of plan-making, including Surrey Heath and Rushmoor Borough Councils,
  - The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act received royal assent on 26 October 2023 introducing a number of reforms to planning system to be brought in through secondary legislation and updates to national planning policy, and
  - 10% biodiversity net gain with new development becomes mandatory in 2024, and work has started on a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire.
6. Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered last year's AMR on 6 December 2022 (see [minutes](#) of that meeting).

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

7. The alternative is not to publish an AMR however it is a statutory requirement to publish one.

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Relevance to the Corporate Plan**

8. The Corporate Plan sets the Council's priorities around the themes of Planet, People and Place. The AMR reports on a number of the issues referred to in the Corporate Plan including climate change, neighbourhood planning, new homes, affordable homes, the natural environment and sustainable transport.

#### **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**

9. There are no legal or constitutional implications.

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

10. There are no financial or resource implications.

#### **Risk Management**

11. There are no risk management implications.

### **EQUALITIES**

12. There are no equalities implications.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are no climate change implications associated with this report. The AMR reports on the implementation of planning policies which seek to mitigate and

adapt to the effects of climate change and support the achievement of the targets in the Council's Climate Emergency declaration.

**ACTION**

14. Officers will finalise the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) and publish before the 31 December 2023.

**Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2022/23