

## EAST HERTS COUNCIL

### NON-KEY DECISION – NKD19/19

#### REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND GROWTH

#### THE EAST HERTS AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT (AMR) 2018-19 AND FIVE YEAR LAND SUPPLY POSITION STATEMENT: OCTOBER 2019

WARD(S) AFFECTED:        ALL

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#### **Purpose/Summary of Report**

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the publication of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2018-19 and Five Year Land Supply Position Statement: October 2019.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u></b>	
<b>(A)</b>	<b>The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2018-19, contained at Essential Reference Paper 'B', be approved for publication.</b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b>The Five Year Land Supply Position Statement: October 2019, contained at Essential Reference Paper 'C', be approved for publication.</b>

#### 1.0 Background

1.1 Local planning authorities must publish information at least annually that shows progress with local plan preparation, reports any activity relating to the duty to cooperate, any information collected which relates to indicators in the Plan, and any policies which are not being implemented. This is the role of the Council's Authority Monitoring Report.

#### 1.2 Regulation 34 of the Town and Country (Local Planning)

(England) Regulations 2012 states that a local planning authority's monitoring report should contain the following information:

- The title of the Local Plans or Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) specified in the local planning authority's Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- In relation to each of those documents –
- the timetable specified in the Local Planning Authority's LDS for the documents preparation;
- the stage the document has reached in its preparation;
- if the documents preparation is behind the timetable, the reasons for this.
- Where any local plan or SPD specified in the local planning authority's LDS has been adopted or approved within the period in respect of which the report is made, a statement of that fact and of the date of adoption or approval.
- Details of the net additional dwellings or net additional affordable dwellings in any part of the local planning authority's area.
- Where a local planning authority has made a Neighbourhood Development Order or a Neighbourhood Plan, the local planning authority's monitoring report must contain details of these documents.
- Where a local planning authority has adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy, the local planning authority's monitoring report must contain information on the amount of CIL collected and the amount spent.
- Where a local planning authority have co-operated (through the Duty to Cooperate) with another local planning authority, county council, or a body or person, the local planning authority's monitoring report must give details of what action they have taken during the period covered by the report.

### 1.3 The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), the subject of this

report, covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The format of the AMR reflects both the regulations set out above and a more localised approach to monitoring. The Council has updated, and is in the process of developing its monitoring framework alongside the recently adopted East Herts District Plan and it is likely that the format of the AMR will continue to evolve as part of this process.

- 1.4 Usually the AMR presents the latest land supply position in the District. This year, due to the level of evidence needed to demonstrate the deliverability of specific sites in the updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), a Five Year Land Supply Position Statement has been prepared as a separate document.

2.0 Authority Monitoring Report:

- 2.1 The AMR is split into a number of sections in order to address the requirements set out above. The full document can be found at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. Below, is a summary of the information found within each chapter of the AMR.

- 2.2 The first section (Chapter 2) provides the social, economic and environmental context within which the District Plan and its policies are assessed. This section highlights some of the key trends, issues and opportunities that face the District and contribute to its overall profile.

- 2.3 Chapters 3 to 6 cover the following:

- Chapter 3: The Development Plan; provides a policy context and a description of the various Development Plan Documents and other Plans or strategies that are relevant to the AMR and form the statutory Development Plan in East Herts.
- Chapter 4: Local Development Scheme (LDS); this section monitors the progress made by the Council in producing the documents as set out in the March 2019 LDS.

- Chapter 5: Neighbourhood Planning; This section monitors the progress made in Neighbourhood Planning across the District.
- Chapter 6: Duty to Cooperate; this section briefly outlines what the Duty to Cooperate is and signposts to further information on the Council's website.

2.4 The final chapter focusses upon monitoring the policies within the East Herts District Plan that was adopted in October 2018. It analyses the effectiveness of each of the District Plan policies using the indicators identified in Appendix A. Analysis takes place on a chapter-by-chapter basis broadly synonymous with the District Plan format.

### 3.0 Five Year Land Supply Position Statement

3.1 This document has been prepared alongside the AMR to publish the Council's land supply position with the necessary background evidence. The Position Statement sets out that the Council is currently able to demonstrate a 5.6 year housing land supply against the necessary requirement across the five year period 2019-2024.

3.2 The Position Statement covers the annual requirement, buffer and shortfall in order to calculate the housing need. It then moves on to an assessment of the deliverable sites that make up the land supply for East Herts.

3.3 The full document can be found at **Essential Reference Paper 'C'**.

### 4.0 Implications/Consultations

4.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

## Essential Reference Papers

**Essential Reference Paper 'A':** Corporate Implications

**Essential Reference Paper 'B':** The East Herts Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2018-19

**Essential Reference Paper 'C':** Five Year Land Supply Position Statement, October 2019

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