

East Herts Council Non-Key Decision Report

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Report title: The East Herts Authority Monitoring Report
(AMR) 2019-20

Ward(s) affected: All

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the publication of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2019-20.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION:

A) The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2019-20 contained at Appendix A, be approved for publication.

1.0 Proposal(s)

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.

2.0 Background

2.1 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.

- 2.3 The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), the subject of this report, covers the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. The format of the AMR reflects both the regulations set out above and a more localised approach to monitoring. The Council has updated its monitoring framework to reflect the adopted East Herts District Plan and it is likely that the format of the AMR will continue to evolve as monitoring is adapted and new data becomes available.
- 2.4 Previously the AMR has also presented the latest land supply position in the District. Since 2019, due to the level of evidence needed to demonstrate the deliverability of specific sites in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), a Five Year Land Supply Position Statement is being prepared as a separate document and will be available shortly.
- 2.5 Please note that due to the production of this AMR being delayed, in some cases data will have moved on since the 2019-20 monitoring year. This hasn't been included in this AMR but will be included in the next iteration, the 2020-21 AMR which is now in production.

3.0 Reason(s)

- 3.1 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 **Appendix A**. Below, is a summary of the information found within each chapter of the AMR.
- 3.2 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.

3.3 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.

3.4 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.

4.0 Options

4.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare reports that set out the implementation of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the extent to which policies set out in the East Herts District Plan 2018 are being achieved.

5.0 Risks

5.1 Failure to publish Authority Monitoring Reports would mean not being in line with the requirements of the 2004 Act.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 None

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

Appendix A reports on environmental sustainability in regards to the District Plan policies.

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

All

7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

7.1 **Appendix A:** Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) 2019-2020

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