

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF PLANNING POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE ON 15 DECEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: Authority Monitoring Report 2019/20

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PORTFOLIO AREA: Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report presents the Arun Local Planning Authority's Monitoring Report 2019/20. The full report is provided as Background Paper 1 (published on the Council's web site - link Background paper 1).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Plan Sub Committee:

1. Notes the Authority Monitoring Report 2019/20; and
2. Agrees that a further report be made back to this Sub-committee in Spring 2021 to set out the authority's approach to resolving the inability to demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply.

1. BACKGROUND:

Arun Local Planning Authority's Monitoring Report

- 1.1 The preparation of an Authorities Monitoring Report (AMR) is a requirement under Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Authorities Monitoring Report can include a compendium of published research and evidence published at any time by the authority that informs the performance of the adopted local plan and in delivering objectives and policy requirements. An AMR as a single report provides annual monitoring data which includes progress being made on Development Plan Documents (DPD) within the local planning authorities Local Development Scheme; the implementation of the development plan including housing completions and land supply data.
- 1.2 The Arun Local Planning Authority's Monitoring Report for 2019/20 has been prepared, and includes a range of updates and progress reports, including the following:

- **Progress on the Local Plan and Development Plan Documents against the timetable set out in the Arun Local Development Scheme 2019:** Non-Strategic sites DPD abandoned February 2020; Gypsy & Traveller DPD completed Regulation 18 Issues and Options Consultation Summer 2019;
- **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Arundel Neighbourhood Development Plan 'made' 15 January 2020;
- **Duty to Cooperate Update:** responses to Horsham and Crawley plan making consultations, meetings and correspondence with neighbouring authorities on respective plan making and cross boundary matters;
- **5 year Housing Land Supply:** Arun currently demonstrates a 3.3 year HLS;
- **Local Plan Policy implementation and Housing Delivery:** two successive years of under delivery against housing requirements (including the Governments Housing Delivery Test) and consequently on 15 January 2020 Arun District Council resolved to update the adopted Arun Local Plan 2018; reduction in housing completions and affordable housing delivery although increased % brownfield; Littlehampton, Bersted and Angmering leading delivery;
- **Commercial Land Delivery:** reduction on completed and available employment floorspace; increase in occupation; brownfield completions; reduction on completed/occupied town centre floorspace;
- **Traveller Sites:** Progress on the Issues and options Consultation in July-Sept 2019;
- **CIL Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS):** to be included as an Appendix to the AMR (Regulation 34 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) – the IFS is provisional until approved by Full Council;
- **Sussex Biodiversity Annual Monitoring Report.**

1.3 The most up to date version of the AMR (based on the reporting year: 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020), can be accessed via the Council's web site (link provided as **Background Paper 1**). The AMR will evolve over time as monitoring of the adopted plan policies and implementation improves with updated technical information and processes of data collection.

1.4 It should be noted that the AMR monitoring period is retrospective and so the AMR scope covers the monitoring year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 and measures performance based on the previously adopted Local Development Scheme 2019 (Note: the LDS on the Council's web site has been superseded by the recently adopted LDS June 2020 which is outside the scope of the AMR monitoring year).

3. PROPOSAL(S):

2.1 That the AMR be noted as the monitoring evidence base for plan making and policy performance for the period 1st April 2019- 31st March 2020.

4. OPTIONS:

3.1 To note the AMR or not to note the AMR which would risk that Arun would not meet statutory regulations on the requirement to publish an AMR in order to provide evidence on plan making progress and policy performance.

4. CONSULTATION:		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		x
Relevant District Ward Councillors		x
Other groups/persons (please specify)		x
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)		
Financial		x
Legal		x
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		x
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		x
Sustainability		x
Asset Management/Property/Land		x
Technology		x
Other (please explain)		x
6. IMPLICATIONS:		
6.1 The AMR provides an evidence base against which to monitor plan making progress and performance in order that policy formulation and decision making is effective in delivering sustainable development of the planning authority area.		

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To ensure compliance with statutory regulations and in order to provide evidence on plan making progress and policy performance.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

The AMR 2019/20 can be accessed on the Council's Web Site:
<https://www.arun.gov.uk/monitoring>