

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2010  
title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To confirm the Annual Monitoring Report and agree its submission to the Secretary of State.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Council Ambitions – The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will inform the delivery and measure the success of the Council's planning policies. It will help in protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment and delivery of affordable housing.
- Community Objectives – As a monitoring tool for spatial policy, it will provide a basis with which to identify how a range of issues relating to the objectives of a sustainable economy, thriving market towns and housing will be addressed through the planning system.
- Corporate Priorities - The AMR will provide a management tool to monitor progress and will aid performance and consistency.
- Other Considerations – The Council has a statutory duty to prepare the AMR.

### 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The approach to development plans introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to develop monitoring systems to assess both the effectiveness of its local development documents and progress in meeting the Local Development Scheme (LDS). The intention is that progressively the AMR process will identify if policies are working, how policies may need to be adjusted or deleted and if new policies need to be introduced. The AMR reports on the Local Development Scheme (LDS) that assists in identifying areas where resources may need to be diverted to meet targets or the timeframe be adjusted.

2.2 Current legislation requires an AMR report be submitted to Government Office by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Each year the Council must monitor against a set of Core Output Indicators, which are set by the department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) as well as a set of local indicators established in the Council's first AMR. This has allowed results to be compared year on year. In accordance with the legislation, this report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. It is the sixth AMR to be submitted and continues to present the information in thematic chapters. A copy of the

report is attached in the Appendix. A full colour version can be viewed on the Ribble Valley website and in hard copy in the Members room.

- 2.3 The AMR has shown that excellent progress has been made on progressing the Core Strategy, the central document of LDF, with the Regulation 25 consultation having taken place. The AMR indicators have also shown that data is both up to date across the borough and being used to the best means to inform the LDF.

### 3 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – No immediate implications as a result of this report.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The AMR is a statutory requirement. It will inform future policy development.
- Political – No direct political implications.
- Reputation – The Council's desire on how to proceed may affect its reputation, as it would not meet the requirements of legislation.

### 4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Authorise the Director of Development Services to submit the AMR to Government Office in accord with statutory requirements.

## DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide – ODPM March 2005.
2. Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators- Update 2/2008 – CLG July 2008.
3. Ribble Valley Borough Council - Annual Monitoring Report December 2005, Annual Monitoring Report December 2006, Annual Monitoring Report December 2007, Annual Monitoring Report December 2008 and Annual Monitoring Report December 2009.

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