

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 6

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title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2019/20
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To review information on the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). Please refer to the full document in the following link <https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/AuthorityMonitoringReport2020>

1.2 Relevance to the Council’s ambitions and priorities:

- 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. It will inform the delivery and measure the success of the Council’s planning policies, in particular the adopted Core Strategy, and it will help in the protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment and delivery of affordable housing.
- Corporate Priorities – The AMR will provide a management tool to monitor progress and will aid performance and consistency.
- Other Considerations – None.

2 INFORMATION

2.1 Monitoring is essential in order to establish whether the Council is succeeding in promoting and managing the future development of Ribble Valley. The Localism Act (2011) and Section 34 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 establishes the statutory need for monitoring reports.

2.2 The format of the AMR has altered over recent years. Since the adoption of the Core Strategy in December 2014, monitoring is now focused on measuring the performance of the policies contained in this document. The Inspector who undertook the Examination in Public of the Core Strategy proposed a tighter monitoring framework based around the individual policies in the plan.

2.3 For clarity and ease of use, each indicator is presented in the following way:

Indicator No.	
Target	
Related Policy	
Result	

2.4 The report covers information on the environment, housing, the economy, delivery mechanisms and infrastructure, the Strategic Site and Development Management policies. The following table offers a snap shot of some of the key indicators which are contained within the report.

Population	60,057
Households	26,653
Housing Completions	559
Housing Permissions	323
Affordable Homes	94
Development on previously developed land	20%
Amount of new employment land	8.517ha

5 Year Housing Supply as at 31st March 2020¹	13.9 Year Supply – Using the Standard Methodology 7.09 Year Supply – Using the Core Strategy Figure
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2.5 This AMR covers the period from 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020. In developing the framework, the intention was that the indicators contained in the Core Strategy would remain constant year on year and allow for annual comparisons. However, on-going monitoring since the adoption of the Core Strategy has highlighted that there remain significant data gaps where it has not been possible to collate information. This is due, in the main, to the significant resource implications involved in undertaking the monitoring, particularly in relation to retrospective data collection and analysis from the start of the plan period. Section 8: Monitoring Constraints highlights the issue surrounding the data gaps. In addition, the AMR relies upon information being provided across departments and from some external organisations. It will be necessary to keep the access to information under review and any identified issues addressed as soon as possible.

2.6 It is worth highlighting however that even where monitoring has not been possible, what has become evident is that the Core Strategy is still performing well overall (as seen through appeals and subsequent Inspector's decisions).

This AMR highlights that there has been a number of alterations and additional classrooms added to local schools to accommodate growth. This includes a total of 13 additional classrooms to St. Augustine's RC High School, Billington and Ribblesdale High School, Clitheroe. The AMR also highlights that within the next plan period work is progressing on new on-site Primary School at the Strategic Site of Standen, Clitheroe.

2.7 The Council will continue to monitor on an annual basis and will seek to improve systems as part of the forthcoming Local Plan review.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Annual Monitoring Report 2019/20

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