

AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

Head of Service:	Justin Turvey, Interim Head of Place Development
Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Authority Monitoring Report 2022/23

Summary

The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is a factual report that has two purposes; to monitor progress towards new Local Development Documents and to monitor the effectiveness of key policies set out in Local Development Documents.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the content of AMR and agree to it being published.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is prepared for each financial year (April – March). The latest AMR covers the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and is contained in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Local planning authorities are required by law to prepare and publish an AMR at least annually.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Authority Monitoring Report contributes to the suite of documents that comprise and support the Development Plan for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council. The purpose of the AMR is to review the progress of plan-making and the effectiveness of key Local Plan policies.

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- 2.2 Although the role of the AMR is to monitor adopted Local Plan policies, housing supply is a fundamental aspect of monitoring and where a Local Plan is considered out of date the national standard method for calculating housing requirements applies. The housing need derived from the standard method is 573 dwellings per annum (2023). The five year housing land supply statement demonstrates that the Council does not have a five year housing land supply.
- 2.3 One of the purposes for monitoring your adopted Local Plan policies is to flag when policies are being ineffective and when a review may be necessary. The Council has already acknowledged the need for a new up to date Local Plan, with public consultation being undertaken in February and March of 2023 on a Draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan. Until the new Local Plan is adopted, we will seek to meet our statutory responsibilities in preparing the AMR and will produce a detailed AMR once up to date policies are adopted.
- 2.4 The AMR highlights that during the monitoring year, 317 homes were completed in the borough, of which 67 were affordable homes.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
- 3.1.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
- 3.2.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.3 Safeguarding
- 3.3.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.4 Dependencies
- 3.4.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.5 Other
- 3.5.1 None arising from this report.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None arising from this report.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

5 Legal Implications

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- 5.1 The publication of an authority monitoring report is a requirement of Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by section 113 of the Localism Act).
- 5.2 Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out the requirements for the contents of an AMR. Appendix 1 meets these statutory obligations.
- 5.3 It should be noted that during the AMR reporting period the Council could not demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. This means that the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development applied during the reporting period and continues to apply moving forward.
- 5.4 **Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The new Local Plan will contribute towards delivering the Council's Vision and priorities in its Four-Year Plan.
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** There are no climate or environmental implications from this report.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** There are no policy and community safety implications from this report.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** None.