



**Report to Cabinet
Planning Committee**

Subject: Gedling Borough Council Annual Monitoring Report (April 2006 – March 2007).

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1. Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in accordance with the timetable for the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

2. Background

The Annual Monitoring Report forms part of the Local Development Framework and aims to assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which policies in Local Development Documents are being successfully implemented.

This Annual Monitoring Report covers the period 1st April 2006 – 31st March 2007 and sets out in detail how progress is being made on the elements of the Local Development Framework currently in production.

In addition, it provides details of how the Borough is performing against the Core Development Indicators as required by '*Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide*' as updated by '*Local Development Framework: Core Output Indicators*', both published by the (then) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

The Annual Monitoring Report also provides details of general social, environmental and economic effects as background information about conditions within the Borough.

The timescale for bringing this document to the attention of members is set by a number of factors.

- Firstly, because the Report covers activity during the year up to the end of March 2007 it can take time for some information (for example National House Building Council housing completions and other external data) to feed through to the Borough Council. Data sources are then analysed and interpreted by Council officers as well as others outside of the Council before they can be presented in the Report, which can again be a time consuming process.
- Secondly, the deadline for the submission of the Annual Monitoring Report to Government Office is the end of December each year. It is inadvisable to submit the Report far in advance of this deadline as the publication of new guidance or good practice could require a reworking of the Report.

3. Progress

A copy of the Annual Monitoring Report is attached as **Appendix A**.

The report was agreed by the Portfolio Holder for Development and Economic Regeneration in December in line with delegation arrangements.

Members will note that generally satisfactory progress is being made in the areas covered by the report.

4. Resource Implications

Though there are no specific resource implications arising from the report, the wider issues it covers have significant resource implications for the Borough as a whole.

In future, it is expected that the new Housing and Planning Delivery Grant (which replaces Planning Delivery Grant) will be awarded on the basis of new homes completed (or a similar measure) which may result in this report having specific resource implications if implemented.

5. Recommendation

Members are **recommended** to: -

- Note the Annual Monitoring Report attached at **Appendix A**.