

## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject:** Authority Monitoring Report April 2022 – March 2023

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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### **Wards Affected**

Borough-Wide

### **Purpose**

This report is to inform Cabinet of Gedling Borough Council's Authority Monitoring Report April 2022 – March 2023.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision.

### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **THAT:**

- 1) Cabinet receives and notes the content of the Authority Monitoring Report April 2022 – March 2023.

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 The Authority Monitoring Report is prepared annually and the updated version covers the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- 1.2 The National Planning Practice Guidance states that local planning authorities must publish information at least annually that shows progress with Local Plan preparation, reports any activity relating to the

duty to co-operate and shows how the implementation of policies in the Local Plan is progressing.

1.3 The updated Authority Monitoring Report is attached as **Appendix A**.

1.4 Key updates in Gedling Borough in 2022/23 include:-

#### **Local Plan Delivery and Monitoring**

1.5 All policies of the Aligned Core Strategy (Part 1 Local Plan) and the Local Planning Document (Part 2 Local Plan) are being implemented and monitored through this Authority Monitoring Report to inform future plan preparation.

1.6 Progress has been made on the preparation of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (GNSP) in conjunction with Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe Councils. A report taken to the September Cabinet meeting approved the GNSP Preferred Approach document on Strategic Distribution and Logistics Sites for a period of consultation prior to consultation on a full draft Strategic Plan in 2024. A joint evidence base is being prepared also in conjunction with Ashfield District Council and Erewash Borough Council, where appropriate. Once adopted, the GNSP will supersede the Aligned Core Strategy (Part 1 Local Plan).

1.7 The Council continues to fulfill the Duty to Co-operate with neighbouring authorities as set out in Section 3 of the Authority Monitoring Report.

#### Neighbourhood Plans

1.8 All policies specified in the Neighborhood Plans for Burton Joyce, Calverton, Papplewick and Linby are being implemented.

#### Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance

1.9 The Council published an Interim Planning Policy Statement: First Homes in October 2022.

#### **Monitoring Local Plan Policies**

1.10 Section 5 of the AMR monitors the implementation of the Local Plan against the monitoring indicators set out in the policies of the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy and the Gedling Borough Local Planning Document. The Local Plan was underpinned by a

Sustainability Appraisal Monitoring Framework which included further monitoring indicators. The majority of the Authority Monitoring Report therefore contains detailed monitoring information covering the following planning topics:-

- Climate Change, Flood Risk and Water Management
- Environmental Protection
- Green Belt
- Natural Environment
- Open Space and Recreational Facilities
- Historic Environment
- Design
- Homes
- Retail and Community Facilities
- Transport
- Infrastructure and Developer Contributions

## **2 Proposal**

- 2.1 To ask Cabinet to note the content of the Authority Monitoring Report April 2022 – March 2023.

## **3 Alternative Options**

- 3.1 Not to produce an Authority Monitoring Report. Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 require local planning authorities to produce a monitoring report. The report contains information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies are being successfully implemented.

## **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 All costs associated with staff involved in assessing progress against the monitoring indicators will be met from existing budgets.

## **5 Legal Implications**

5.1 Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 require local planning authorities to produce a monitoring report.

## **6 Equalities Implications**

6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has already been undertaken on the council's policies through the assessment of the adopted version of the Local Plan. The Authority Monitoring Report monitors the effectiveness of these policies.

## **7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

7.1 The document monitors policies of the Local Plan which will help to protect the environment and respond to climate change.

## **8 Appendices**

8.1 Appendix A – Authority Monitoring Report April 2022 – March 2023.

## **9 Background Papers**

9.1 None

## **10 Reasons for Recommendations**

10.1 To inform Cabinet of the Authority Monitoring Report.

### **Statutory Officer approval**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**On behalf of the Monitoring Officer**

