

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development

Subject: City Development - Annual Monitoring Report 2014/15

Report by: Assistant Director of Culture & City Development

Wards affected: All

Key decision (over £250k): No

Full Council Decision No

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To set out the results of the eleventh Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for Portsmouth City Council.

2. Recommendations

2.1 **The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the AMR for publication on the council's website**

3. Background

3.1 As local planning authority the Council must publish an annual authority monitoring report covering the period 1 April – 31 March of the preceding year. The 2015 report covers the period from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

3.2 The report sets out progress made towards delivering the policies in the Portsmouth Plan, and reports on a number of indicators that are of particular interest to the government.

4. Findings

4.1 The full AMR is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2 There is no longer a prescribed set of indicators that the AMR must cover. The focus this year is on strategic sites, housing delivery and infrastructure funding. Key findings to note are:

- a) Key strategic sites at Tipner and Horsea Island are being progressed through the City Deal
- b) In the past years, there has been a proliferation of planning applications and permissions for student accommodation on sites in the city centre

- c) The city is on track to deliver its planning housing target to 2027, and can demonstrate a supply of housing sites for the first 5 years
- d) A mixed picture emerges regarding affordable housing provision - the city council is still securing affordable housing through legal agreements, but developers are also successfully negotiating on viability. In addition, the city council is unable to seek affordable housing on schemes brought forward under the government's extended permitted development rights
- e) There have been fewer applications for C4 HMO uses than in the last monitoring period
- f) Works to improve the city's sea defences are underway
- g) Works are underway for major improvements at the Hard Interchange and to deliver the ARTches project;
- h) The city council has collected more than £2 million in Community Infrastructure Levy Contributions

5. Reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The city council is required to publish an annual authority monitoring report.

6. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

- 6.1 An EIA has not been carried out on the AMR as the report monitors adopted policies and progress towards targets. The development plan documents and supplementary planning documents which make up the LDF have been, or will be, subject to EIA.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires all local planning authorities (LPAs) to publish a monitoring report with prescribed details of the performance towards the implementation of the local development scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in the local development documents are being achieved during the relevant year. Submission and reception of the report are necessary to comply with such legislation. Publication of the report as recommended is compliant with obligations and with the general local government principles of transparency and accountability.

8. Director of Finance's Comments

- 8.1 This report is recommending that the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) be published. The AMR reports progress made by Portsmouth City Council as the Local Planning Authority against the Portsmouth City Local Plan and the emerging Portsmouth Local Development Framework. This being so, there are no financial implications in approving the recommendations contained within this report.

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Signed by:

Assistant Director of Culture & City Development

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Annual Monitoring Report 2014/15

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

| Title of document | Location |
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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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