

Report No.
DRR11/151

London Borough of Bromley

Decision Maker: Development Control Committee

Date: 12th January 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **DRAFT ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT:
2010/11**

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the submission of an Annual Monitoring Report to the Department of Communities and Local Government by 31st December each year. This report provides, at Appendix 1, the report for 2010/11, which has been submitted to the Secretary of State to meet the December 2011 deadline as a draft, subject to this Committee's endorsement.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee Agrees the Annual Monitoring Report 2010/11 - attached as Appendix 1, and asks the Chief Planner to confirm to the Secretary of State the decision of this Committee.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning Division
 4. Total current budget for this head: £3.3m
 5. Source of funding: Existing Revenue Budgets
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 98
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not known
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Localism Act 2011 & The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The 2010-11 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) based on a similar template to previous years has been prepared and submitted to the Secretary of State to meet the 31st December deadline subject to endorsement by this Committee. This forms Appendix 1. The format for future years will be kept under review in the context of national legislation and guidance and local policy circumstances.
- 3.2 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 currently requires the submission of an Annual Monitoring Report to the Department of Communities and Local Government by 31st December each year. The Council is required to prepare and publish monitoring reports, analysing how planning document preparation work has progressed against published timetables and progress on implementing policies. Monitoring is important in assessing whether existing planning policies are achieving their objectives and to review the progress on the preparation of new planning documents including the elements of the Local Development Framework.
- 3.3 The Government has issued proposed changes to the monitoring requirements for planning which come into force on the 15th January 2012 under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011. This will remove the need for conformity with the previously mandatory national indicators for planning policy annual monitoring and the requirement to submit the AMR to the Secretary of State by 31st December in future years. The Government's Localism Agenda and Decentralisation activity offer the opportunity for the Council to decide how to deliver monitoring of planning policy.
- 3.4 The 2010/11 AMR contains data on a range of indicators intended to measure the effectiveness of the Council's planning policies in achieving sustainable development. Key achievements include:
- Following adoption of the Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan the move to its implementation.
 - The adoption of the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document
 - The annual housing target has been exceeded due in part to the new housing developments at Blue Circle
 - In terms of social infrastructure, 110 extra care units were permitted.
 - An application was also permitted for the complete redevelopment of a school and 19 extensions to schools and colleges to provide additional teaching space.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The AMR monitors progress against policies saved in the UDP and DPD for Bromley. These are key elements in progressing Bromley 2020 in particular 'Our Valued Environment' and 'Vibrant and Thriving Town Centres' and 'An Excellent Council'.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal, Personnel and Financial Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	The Localism Act 2011; The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide, March 2005 (ODPM); Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators – Update 2/2008; Report to Development Control Committee, 1st December 2009