

**Decision Maker:** DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 29 January 2013

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

**Title:** AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT (AMR) 2011/12

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**Chief Officer:** Chief Planner

**Ward:** (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report outlines the new requirement under the Localism Act 2011 (section 113) for the Council to produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) setting out information on the plan making process, the progress and effectiveness of the Local Plan and the extent to which the planning policies set out in the Local Plan documents are being achieved.
- 1.2 It highlights the main achievements of 2011/12 and includes as Appendix 1 the full AMR for Development Control Committee to consider and agree, after which it will be made available to residents and the wider community via the Council's website to meet the Council's responsibilities,

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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That the Committee:

**Consider Appendix 1 in light of the Council's duty under the Localism Act 2011 and agree it as the Council's AMR for 2011/12.**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Supporting Independence Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning
  4. Total current budget for this head: £2.725m
  5. Source of funding: Existing Revenue Account 2012/13
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 76 Full-time
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Borough-wide
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires all local authorities under section 113 to produce an Authorities Monitoring Report (AMR) . This should set out progress in the implementation of the Local Development Scheme, the progress and effectiveness of the Local Plan and the extent to which the policies set out in the Local Plan are being achieved.
- 3.2 This replaces the previous requirement placed on the Council under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to produce an Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government by 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.
- 3.3 The format of this first Authority Monitoring Report is similar to that of the previous Annual Monitoring Reports. However, as the Council is no longer required to use the specific indicators set out in Government guidance the report uses where appropriate more local indicators. The majority of indicators continue for consistency and to demonstrate progress. The main purpose of the new AMR is to inform residents and the community of progress and the Council can choose how this best done.
- 3.4 The suggestion is that information on key indicators is brought together in a single report to DCC once a year but information that is available on a more regular basis, for instance town centre retail vacancies collected by town centre management is published routinely on the Council's website. The full AMR will also be published on the website to meet the Council's responsibility to publicise and make available the information to the local community in a cost effective manner.
- 3.5 Section 2 of the AMR sets out the report highlights.

### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The AMR monitors progress against policies saved in the UDP and DPDs for Bromley together with progress in the plan making process. It highlights progress in delivering key elements of Bromley 2020, in particular, 'Valued Environments' and 'thriving Town Centres' .

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Financial and Personnel and Legal Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	The Localism Act 2011; 5yr Supply Paper (DCC June 2012)