

Decision Maker: **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Date: **Thursday 10 April 2014**

Decision Type: Non Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2012/13**

Contact Officer: Mary Manuel, Head of Strategic Policy
Email: mary.manuel@bromley.gov.uk
Louisa Bruce, Planner
Email: louisa.bruce@bromley.gov.uk

Chief Officer: Chief Planner: Jim Kehoe

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report seeks the Committee's agreement to Appendix 1 forming the Council's Authority Monitoring Report for 2012/13. Appendix 1 meets the requirement of the Localism Act 2011, section 13, for all Local Authorities under section 13 to produce an Authorities Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR should set out the 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.
- 1.2 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 and Local Government by 31st December each year.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 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 2012/13.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status:: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
-

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: £ N/A
 5. Source of funding: Existing Revenue Budget
-

Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
-

Legal

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

Customer Impact

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

Ward Councillor Views

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

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 For 2012-2013 the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is based on a similar template to previous years but focused on indicators considered relevant to Bromley in light of the greater flexibilities introduced by the changes to national planning legislation, which came into force on the 15th January 2012, which removed the need for conformity with the previously mandatory national indicators for planning policy annual monitoring.
- 3.2 The legislation requires the Council to prepare and publish monitoring reports, analysing how planning document preparation work has progressed against the published timetables and the effects that the implementation of policies may be having on the locality. Monitoring is essential in assessing whether existing planning policies are achieving their objectives and to review the progress on the preparation of new planning documents e.g. The Local Plan.
- 3.3 This report contains data on a range of indicators identified by the Council as outlined in relevant sections of the document. These indicators are intended to measure the effectiveness of the Council's planning policies in achieving sustainable development. This means meeting the development needs of the borough whilst achieving a sustainable economy, safeguarding environmental assets, addressing community needs, ensuring accessibility and addressing climate change.
- 3.4 The AMR covers the period April 2012 to the end of March 2013. The annual reports are usually brought to DCC in the following winter, however, this year the report was delayed due to the preparation of the Local Plan 'draft policies and designations'. The intention is to bring the 2013/14 AMR to the Committee in the Autumn. This 2013/14 report will include the monitoring of the Government's increased flexibilities in the planning system and greater permitted development rights, for example, allowing a change of use from office to residential use.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The AMR monitors progress against policies saved in the UDP and DPD for Bromley. There 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