

Decision Maker: **Development Control Committee**

Date: **13 January 2011**

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

Title: **DRAFT ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT: 2009/10**

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

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, as Appendix 1, the report for 2009/10, which has been submitted to the DCLG to meet the December 2010 deadline as a draft, subject to this Committee's endorsement.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the draft Annual Monitoring Report 2010, attached as Appendix 1, be endorsed for formal submission to the Secretary of State to meet the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2010.

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: Statutory requirement. 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 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced major changes to the way the development plan system operates. The Act requires the eventual replacement of the Council's Unitary Development Plan (UDP), with a Local Development Framework (LDF). Part of the LDF is the Local Development Scheme (LDS), setting out the Council's programme for the preparation of the LDF which was formally adopted by full Council in September 2007. This has subsequently been revised with the programme running until 2012. The Act also requires the submission of an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to the Secretary of State by 31st December each year for the previous April – March. This report includes as Appendix 1 the draft AMR for 2009/10 submitted in draft format to the Department for Communities and Local Government to meet the 31st December deadline.

Annual Monitoring Report

3.2 The Government regards monitoring as being essential to establish what is happening now, what may happen in the future and then to compare these trends against existing policies and targets to determine what needs to be done. The Annual Monitoring Report represents a crucial step within the cyclical process of policy-making. The draft sixth AMR is attached as Appendix 1 and has been submitted to the Secretary of State to meet the deadline of 31 December advising that it is subject to formal endorsement by this Committee. Although it is required to cover the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010 progress to date with regard to the Local Development Plan and individual documents is also detailed. Therefore the adoption of the Bromley Area Action Plan and approval of the Supplementary Planning Guidelines on Planning Obligations are included.

3.3 The UDP sets out the Council's strategic objectives for the development and use of land. Related to these is a series of indicators monitoring the implementation of the plan. Although these indicators are used as the basis of the AMR, some of the objectives and indicators, which were drafted under previous legislation, do not adequately address the wider sustainability issues required by the new Act. The objectives and indicators, therefore, will be re-assessed against revised Council and other local community priorities as part of the LDF preparation. These would then be used as the basis for the 2010/2011 and subsequent Annual Monitoring Reports.

3.4 In addition, Government Guidance (Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators – Update 2/2008) established 'core' output indicators under the key policy themes of: business development and town centres, housing, environmental quality, minerals and waste. Where appropriate, these core indicators are addressed in the AMR.

3.5 Systems are not fully in place with which to provide all of the data required to meet either the local or core indicators, or to monitor the effectiveness of the plan policies. Whilst this may be acceptable in the current submission, steps will need to be taken to remedy the situation prior to subsequent AMR submissions. Furthermore, the 'tests of soundness' against which Planning Inspectors will consider future Local Development Documents at independent examination include whether: policies are founded on a robust and credible evidence base; and there are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring.

3.6 The AMR has been submitted as a draft to the DCLG to meet the December 31st 2010 deadline advising that it is subject to consideration by this Committee. Officers will write to DCLG advising of the decision of the Committee.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal, Personnel and Financial Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	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