

REPORT TO	ON
Planning Committee	15 November 2017

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TITLE	REPORT OF
SOUTH RIBBLE LOCAL PLAN/CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CORE STRATEGY – 2017 MONITORING REPORTS	Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Housing

Is this report confidential?	No
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks approval of the draft 2017 Monitoring Report (MR) for both the South Ribble Local Plan and the Central Lancashire Core Strategy, they are then required to be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after being approved by the committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the draft Monitoring Reports be approved for publication on the Council's website. Any changes agreed by the committee will be incorporated into the monitoring report prior to publication.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Clean, green and safe	✓	Strong and healthy communities	
Strong South Ribble in the heart of prosperous Lancashire	✓	Efficient, effective and exceptional council	✓

4. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires every local planning authority to produce a Monitoring Report (MR). In previous years, the MR had to be submitted to the Government Office for the North West prior to 31 December; however this is no longer a requirement.

The legal requirement to produce a monitoring report is written on the basis of there being policies in the Local Plan 2015 which can be monitored. The Central Lancashire Core Strategy was adopted in 2012, and is also monitored as part of this report. The Local Plan (adopted 2015), Performance Monitoring Framework indicators and the Central Lancashire Core Strategy Performance Monitoring Framework are monitored as part of this MR.

5. DETAILS AND REASONING

Monitoring is a key feature of the new development plan system introduced by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Regulations require each local authority to produce a Monitoring Report (MR).

This is the Thirteenth Monitoring Report to be produced by the Council and covers the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. This document should be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after approval.

MR's should cover the following matters:

- Report progress against the timetable and milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme which is in operation in the period covered by the MR;
- Assess how policies are being implemented and
- Identify whether policies need to be amended or replaced in the future.

The Local Development Scheme in operation during the monitoring period was published in April 2015. Progress can be summarised as:

- Work on the Gypsy and Traveller DPD has commenced, with the Issues and Options Consultation taking place in June 2016;
- There were no further milestones for the production of any other documents within this LDS.

The MR reports on some contextual indicators for the Local Plan 2015 which provides a broad picture of the social, economic and environmental circumstances in the borough. They establish a baseline position from which change can be measured and are selected to reflect key characteristics and issues in South Ribble.

Some of the indicators cannot be updated on an annual basis as they are Census data, from those that can the following are a selection;

- Unemployment levels are consistently below both the Lancashire and National average;
- There are 267 Tree Preservation Orders in the borough and
- The population of the borough has risen slightly.

Some key findings for the monitoring period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 are;

- The total number of housing completions was 189 dwellings.
- There have been 25 affordable dwellings completed
- Our three parks with Green Flag status have retained the award.

This MR also reports on progress against the Core Strategy Monitoring indicators. Many of the indicators are already covered in the Local Plan 2015 Monitoring Framework. Some key findings from the Core Strategy Monitoring indicators which haven't been covered elsewhere are:

- The total of 249 affordable dwellings delivered across Central Lancashire has exceeded the Core Strategy overall target of 126 dwellings by 123 dwellings;
- The total number of all dwellings completed was 1,510 in all three authorities which is 169 units above the target of 1,341 set in the Core Strategy;
- Employment land take up was 14.36 hectares. Steps have been taken to manage the delivery of employment land in order to promote development and the total employment land take-up in the Central Lancashire area as a whole has increased significantly compared with last year and the year before that.

In reporting on output and contextual indicators, the MR will be a source document for the monitoring of objectives, targets and indicators for the Central Lancashire Core Strategy, the South Ribble Local Plan (2015) and other development plan documents.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

6.1 Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

There are no direct financial implication as a result of approving the recommendation in this report. Clearly the delivery of the South Ribble Local Plan plays an essential role with regard to service delivery which in turn impacts on core income and the funding of City Deal.

6.2 Comments of the Monitoring Officer

The Council is required by the Regulations referred to in the body of the report to produce these monitoring reports. This gives members the opportunity to assess the progress that is being made in a number of key areas.

Other implications:	
▶ Risk	A risk assessment was undertaken as part of the Local Development Scheme, and is subject to review. Failure to produce an MR would be contrary to the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
▶ Equality & Diversity	None
▶ HR & Organisational Development	None
▶ Property & Asset Management	None
▶ ICT / Technology	None
▶ Financial	The purpose of the report is to seek approval to publish the Monitoring Reports on the Council's website and therefore there are no financial implications. The cost of producing and publishing the Monitoring Report can be met from within existing budgets.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

[South Ribble Local Development Scheme April 2015.](#)

[Central Lancashire Adopted Core Strategy Performance Monitoring Framework July 2012.](#)

[South Ribble Local Plan, adopted July 2015. Performance Monitoring Framework.](#)

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