

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Planning and Development	Planning Committee	Thursday, 7 April 2022

South Ribble Annual Monitoring Report 2020/2021

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	No
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Savings or expenditure amounting to greater than £100,000	No
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Purpose of the Report

1. This report seeks approval of the draft 2020/2021 Monitoring Report for the South Ribble Local Plan. It is required to be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after approval.

Recommendations to Planning Committee

2. That the draft Monitoring Report be approved for Publication on the Council's website.
3. That authority is delegated to the Director for Planning and Development to make minor text, layout and formatting changes prior to publication, as necessary.

Reasons for recommendations

4. The Monitoring Report is a factual report that Local Authorities must publish on their websites

Other options considered and rejected

5. None. The Indicators reported on in the Monitoring Report are set out in the Core Strategy and Local Plan performance monitoring framework.

Corporate priorities

6. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (please bold all those applicable):

An exemplary council	Thriving communities
A fair local economy that works for everyone	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places

Background to the report

7. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires every local planning authority to produce a Monitoring Report (MR).
8. The legal requirement to produce a Monitoring Report is based on there being policies in the Local Plan 2015 which can be monitored. The Local Plan (adopted 2015), Performance Monitoring Framework indicators are monitored as part of this MR.
9. In previous years, the Core Strategy Monitoring Report has been produced jointly between Preston, Chorley and South Ribble Council's and approval sought for publication at the same time. However due to delays with the production of this report, which are beyond the control of South Ribble officers, it has been decided to seek approval of the South Ribble report independently.

2020/2021 Monitoring Report

10. 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 an MR.
11. This is the seventeenth MR to be produced by the Council and covers the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. This document should be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after approval.
12. MR's should cover the following matters:
 - a. Report progress against the timetable and milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme
 - b. Assess how policies are being implemented
 - c. Identify whether policies need to be amended or replaced in the future.
13. The Local Development Scheme in operation during the monitoring period was published in February 2019 and will cover the period February 2019 – June 2022. Progress can be summarised as follows:
 - a. Evidence gathering and background work on the review of the Local Plan and Core Strategy has commenced
 - b. The needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople will be incorporated into the revised Local Plan
14. 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.

15. Some of the Indicators cannot be up updated on an annual basis as they are Census data. The most recent Census was in 2021 although currently there has been no release of data. From the indicators that can be updated annually, the following are a selection:

- a. The total number of housing completions was 414 dwellings.
- b. There were 37 affordable dwellings completed
- c. The three parks with Green Flag status retained the award.

16. Once complete, the Core Strategy Monitoring report will be brought to committee for approval.

Climate change and air quality

17. The work noted in this report impacts on the following areas of climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda: net carbon zero by 2030, reducing waste production, limiting non sustainable forms of transport, working with sustainable and green accredited companies, limiting or improving air quality, limiting water waste and flooding risks, improving green areas and biodiversity.

Equality and diversity

18. None.

Risk

19. None.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

20. There are no significant financial implications.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

21. There are no issues from a Monitoring Officer perspective. We need to publish this information in order to satisfy our legal duties.

Background documents

None

Appendices

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