

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Planning Committee on 29th November 2023

Local Planning Authority Monitoring Report 2022/23

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Growth

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE / SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To update Members on the Local Planning Authority Monitoring Reports

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) require local planning authorities to publish information about progress with local plan preparation, housing targets, made neighbourhood development plans and orders, any activity relating to the duty to cooperate and any information collected which relates to indicators in the development plan.
- 1.2 This statutory duty recognises the fact that monitoring has a key role in the planning process and informs the Council and others on whether its Local Plan is being delivered and can identify where policies are effective or if they need changing. It can also show trends over time and highlight potential challenges to the delivery of the Council's spatial strategy. They will also be used to inform the now commenced Local Plan Review process and are therefore an important tool in the Council's understanding of its authority area and whether its Vision for Bolsover District is being achieved.
- 1.3 This information is generally published annually as Local Planning Authority Monitoring Reports and following the adoption of the Local Plan for Bolsover District in March 2020, the Council has published Monitoring Reports for the first two monitoring periods of 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 The Monitoring Report 2022/23 covers the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and is attached as an Appendix to this report.

2.2 As can be seen, the Monitoring Report both measures contextual indicators on the general performance of the Council's planning department and Local Plan policy indicators set out in Appendix 10.2 of the Local Plan for Bolsover District. The following findings are highlighted for Member's attention:

- the Councils Plan-Making and Development Management performance is generally excellent;
- the Local Plan's spatial strategy is being delivered, is largely on track to meet targets and its Spatial Strategy policies are working well;
- the Local Plan's housing targets and site allocations are being delivered, are on track to meet requirements and its Living Communities policies are working well;
- the Local Plan's employment land targets and site allocations are being delivered, are on track to meet requirements and its Working Communities policies are working well;
- the Local Plan's Sustainable Communities policies are generally working well, although the third indicator for policy SC17: Development affecting Listed Buildings and their Settings – *No. of buildings on the Buildings at Risk Register* – has identified that two new listed buildings, the lodges at Pleasley Vale, have been added by Historic England to the register so indicating that this indicator is not performing as intended;
- the Local Plan's Infrastructure, Transport, Community and Recreation Provision policies are working well;
- the Local Plan's Implementation and Infrastructure Delivery policies appear to be working well but a new monitoring system is required to better understand how the new requirement for Employment and Skills Plans is contributing to ensuring that local people are provided with training and employment opportunities.

2.3 Overall, this Monitoring Report finds that the Council's Local Plan for Bolsover District is performing well with few areas of concern. Where indicators have been found to not be performing as intended, this is largely due to circumstances outside the Council's control and beyond the general policy steer of the Council's Local Plan. However, areas of concern will be followed up to establish what action, if any, can be taken to correct undesirable trends.

2.4 Following the meeting of the Planning Committee, the Monitoring Report will be published on the Council's website.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The report updates Members on the Local Planning Authority Monitoring Report for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and it is recommended that Members note the contents of the Monitoring Report 2022/23 and endorse its publication.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Providing a report in respect of the latest Monitoring Report to Planning Committee is an important part of understanding the performance of the Council's Local Plan for Bolsover District. Therefore, officers have not considered alternative options.

RECOMMENDATION

That Planning Committee note the contents of the Monitoring Report 2022/23 and endorse its publication.

Approved by Councillor Ritchie, Portfolio Holder – Growth

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: There are no specific finance or risk issues arising from this report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: There are no specific legal or data protection issues arising from this report

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes No

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal / report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details: The Local Plan for Bolsover District seeks to support sustainable growth and the prudent use of resources, to mitigate against and adapt to the impacts of climate change and to conserve and enhance the quality and character of the countryside, its landscapes and wildlife. As such, the Local Planning Authority Monitoring Reports will record how well this is being achieved and so make a notable contribution to this subject.

Staffing: Yes No

Details: There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	All
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details:</p>

<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling housing growth; • Developing attractive neighbourhoods; • Increasing customer's satisfaction with our services.

<p>DOCUMENT INFORMATION</p>	
<p>Appendix No</p>	<p>Title</p>
	<p>Local Planning Authority Monitoring Report 2022/23</p>
<p>Background Papers</p>	
<p><i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>	