

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 260/20.

A1 Service Area	Planning Policy
A2 Title	Publication of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) December 2020, and publication of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) December 2020.
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Sal Khan Please sign name: Approval by email 050121
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Cllr G Allen Please sign name: Approval by email 050121
A6 Date of Decision	5 th January 2021

Confidentiality

A7 Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
A7.1 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	N/A

Scrutiny

A8 Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to?	(Please tick as appropriate) ✓
Scrutiny (Audit & Value for Money Council Services) Committee	
Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee	✓

B1 What is the Decision?	To publish the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) December 2020 and to publish the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) December 2020.
B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?	The AMR is required to be published annually. The IFS is required to be published before the end of the calendar year.
B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?	<p>The publication of the AMR will meet the corporate plan objective 'New and Refreshing Planning Policies' under Corporate Target VFM44 (Monitor Local Plan Performance) by December 2020.</p> <p>The publication of the IFS will meet the corporate plan objective 'Continuing to work smarter in Planning' under Corporate Target VFM46 (Prepare and publish Infrastructure Funding Statement) by January 2021.</p>
B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.

Financial Implications

B5 What are the financial implications?	<p>The IFS sets out the S106 contributions received and spent in the monitoring year April 2019 – March 2020.</p> <p>The AMR reports data for 2019/20 on core elements of planning such as housing, employment and data and progress in relating to the indicators prescribed in the adopted local plan.</p> <p>The cost for carrying out the review/reporting the data are covered within existing budget arrangements.</p>
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The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:	<p>Please print name: Anya Murray</p> <p>Please sign name: Approval by email 231220</p>
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Policy Framework

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
B6.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	N/A
B6.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	N/A
B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
B7.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	N/A
B7.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	N/A

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications: None
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): N/A
B8.2 Negative (Threats): N/A
B8.3 The subject of this decision is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is not required.
B8.4 The equality impact assessment identified the following actions to be carried out: N/A

Risk Assessment

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications: See below.
<p>B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):</p> <p>The AMR gives an insight into the performance of policies and some of the problems perceived. This gives the Council the chance to tackle these issues and make improvements in the policy framework and decision making process.</p> <p>The IFS gives policy makers better insights into how developer contributions are supporting new development and local infrastructure. This gives the Council the chance to make improvements in the policy framework and decision making process.</p>
B9.2 Negative (Threats):

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications: See below.

If no AMR or IFS is produced, planning issues and infrastructure gaps within the Borough may emerge and become increasingly difficult to tackle.

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations: See below.
B10.1 The main legal issues arising from this decision are as follows: That the AMR and the IFS will need to be published on the Councils website prior to the stipulated timescales.
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team
Please print name: Sherrie Grant
Please sign name: Approval by email 050121

Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications: See below.
B11.1 The proposal would result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below.
B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): Monitoring planning permissions and completions will help us establish what is happening within the Borough now and what may happen in the future. The AMR enables us to identify which policies are achieving their objectives and in particular whether they are delivering Sustainable Development. The AMR also records environmental quality indicators in relation to the number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flooding and water quality grounds, and development within areas of biodiversity importance. This allows us to monitor any negative effect on the natural environment from development. Monitoring s106 contributions that have been received and delivered will help us establish what is happening within the Borough. The IFS enables us to identify which contributions have been delivered to date, and what will be delivered in the future. Contributions cover a wide range of provision from affordable housing, to open space and better bus services.
B11.3 Negative (Threats): If no AMR or IFS is produced, it would be difficult to establish what contributions have been received and how and where it has been spent. It may also lead to a lack of transparency in decision making.

Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications: None.

B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.

B12.2 [The significant hazards and risks have been identified in the Safety Media Risk Assessment numbered []. Any financial implications to mitigate against these hazards and risks are considered above.] N/A

B12.3 Control measures and an action plan have been identified for any significant hazards and risks identified in the risk assessment. N/A

The positive/negative impacts are set out below

B12.3.1 Positive (Benefits)

The AMR measures policies associated with housing, community support, green infrastructure, National Forest, Climate Change and Flooding, sports and also health and wellbeing.

B12.3.2 Negative (Threats)

By not monitoring the performance of the policies in the local plan, we cannot aim to improve them in the future which will have an overall impact on health and potentially safety.

Key Decision

B13 Is this a Key Decision? No

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

- 1. REVENUE – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000**
- 2. CAPITAL – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000**
- 3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.**

B13.1 If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would seriously prejudice the public interest?

N/A

B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?

N/A

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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