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Cabinet		
Annual Monitoring Report 2012-13 – Local Development Framework		
Report of: Councillor Andrew Smith, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Highways & Transportation		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-key	
Accountable Head of Service: Andy Millard, Head of Planning and Growth		
Accountable Director: David Bull, Director of Planning & Transportation		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: This report seeks the Cabinet's agreement to and publication of the Thurrock Annual Monitoring Report of the Local Development Framework for the period 1 st April 2012 to 31 st March 2013.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Thurrock Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) monitors the progress of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the extent to which the policies set out in Local Development Documents (LDD) are being achieved. Policy progress is reported by a series of indicators. Cabinet's agreement to this years report is requested.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Cabinet:

1.1 Approve the Annual Monitoring Report for 2012-13

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The attached Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is required to be produced under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and covers the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.
- 2.2 Section 35 of the 2004 Act requires every Local Planning Authority to make an annual report to the Secretary of State on the implementation of their Local Development Scheme (LDS) and whether the policies in the Local Development Documents (LDD) are being achieved.

3. ISSUES, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS:

3.1 Progress regarding the achievement of LDF milestones is set out in the first section of the document after the Introduction.

3.2 In order to monitor the effects of policy, the AMR includes progress against a set of indicators that form part of the adopted LDF Core Strategy. The main points are:

- There were 311 net additional dwellings during 2012/13.
- The net additional dwellings between 2001 and 2013 total 5,980. This is an average 498 dwellings per annum which is below the annual average 950 per annum 2006-2021 that is provided for in the LDF.
- The total supply of housing sites considered to be deliverable within 5 years was estimated to be 3,909. However, since the 31st March 2013 a number of other permissions have been granted which result in this supply figure now being greater.
- 96.3% of the dwelling completions that took place in 2012/2013 were on Previously Developed Land (PDL). This annual performance is in-line with high performance in past years. The LDF target is to allocate at least 85% of new housing development to PDL locations.
- 138 affordable dwellings were completed during the year. This was 38.1% of the completions on sites liable to affordable housing provision under planning policy. This exceeded the minimum provision of 35% under that policy.
- There was a net gain of 18,744 square metres of employment floorspace during the year.
- 387.6 hectares of land was considered to be available for employment purposes in April 2013. This was 4.5 hectares less than the previous year.
- There were no planning applications in Thurrock approved against a sustained Environment Agency objection on flood risk grounds during the year.
- The total amount of open space managed to Green Flag Award standard in Thurrock was unchanged.
- There was no annual change in the areas of biodiversity importance.
- The proportion of municipal waste arising that was landfilled was 18.5%, a reduction of 9.8% in relation to the previous year. The proportion that was recycled/composted or sent for energy recovery increased accordingly.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

4.1 This is a factual report and there are no alternative options that need to be considered.

5. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 None.

6. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

6.1 The AMR does not, in itself, have any direct impact on corporate priorities. It does, however, monitor the progress of the LDF, which contributes to all of the Council priorities.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial

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There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

7.2 Legal

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Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires every Local Planning Authority to make an annual report to the Secretary of State containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Framework (LDF). The Act requires this Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to set out information about progress on the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the extent to which the policies set out in Local Development Documents are being achieved.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

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The Thurrock Annual Monitoring Report monitors the progress of the Local Development Framework and the extent to which the policies set out in Local Development Documents are being achieved. Highlighted in the report is an increase in Green Flag award winning parks which is a positive move for the borough's children and young people. There are some gaps in data in the Annual Monitoring Report which restricts analysis of progress against particular indicators, such as indicator H4 around net additional pitches for gypsy traveller use. The data around authorised pitches, both council owned and private, as well as unauthorised encampments in the borough, has not been collected since 2008.

7.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

Annual Monitoring Report – Strategic Planning Services

Local Development Scheme – Strategic Planning Services

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 – Strategic Planning Services

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

Appendix 1 – Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2013

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