



Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

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Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2008/09

1. Summary

- 1.1 This paper informs Members of the production of the Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report for 2008/09.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 Under Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, each Local Planning Authority is required to make an annual report to the Secretary of State containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which policies set out in Local Development Documents are being achieved.
- 2.2 Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks sets out the Government's policy. It requires a regular and systematic approach to monitoring. It proposes that appropriate output targets and indicators must be set out within Local Development Frameworks. The role of monitoring has been further strengthened by a Statutory Instrument associated with the new planning act which requires the preparation of an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and indicates the required coverage.
- 2.3 There are strict timing requirements for the preparation of AMRs. This AMR will cover the period from April 1st 2008 to March 31st 2009 and needs to be submitted to Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) by the end of December. Following submission, the AMR must be published on the Council's web site.

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- 2.4 The Government has put together a list of Core Output Indicators to be used in the monitoring of Local Development Frameworks. A revised set was published in July 2008 (Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators – Update 2/2008). Unlike the National Indicators, AMRs are not used by Government to performance manage local areas. The only exception to this is the 3 indicators on net additional homes, affordable homes, and delivering housing sites which are the same as NI154, NI155 and NI159. Information for a number of indicators is now part of the new standard planning application form which should improve capture and reporting in future years.
- 2.5 This is the fifth AMR to be produced. However, regular monitoring reports have been produced on Residential Land Availability (3 times a year), Employment Land Availability (annually) and Retail Monitoring (annually). The AMR supplements this ongoing work. The Forward Planning Section also submits a number of returns to the West Midlands Regional Assembly on Green Belt, office development, derelict land and hotels and leisure as well as housing, employment and retail development. Data is also supplied to the National Land Use Database held by Homes and Community Agency.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 A summary of the key AMR findings is set out in the Executive Summary which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2 One of the key core output indicators relates to housing delivery. A housing trajectory has been developed to show past rates of housing completions and conversions and projected rates up to 2025/26. A number of local output indicators have been developed in relation to housing. These help to monitor the type of dwelling being built and the location, to ensure that new dwellings are in sustainable locations and cater for the increasing number of smaller households being formed.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 The Annual Monitoring Report will be considered by Cabinet prior to submission to Government Office by the end of December.

5. Options for Panel

- 5.1 The Committee could recommend to Cabinet that:
- a) the Annual Monitoring report 2008/09 be either endorsed as drafted,
 - or
 - b) it is revised to reflect additional comments.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide (ODPM)
- 6.2 Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning (DCLG) Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators – Update 2/2008 (DCLG)
- 6.3 Wyre Forest District Residential Land Availability Schedule (WFDC)*
- 6.4 Wyre Forest District Employment Land Availability Schedule (WFDC)*
- 6.5 Wyre Forest Retail Update (WFDC)*
- 6.6 Wyre Forest District Local Development Scheme August 2008 (WFDC)*
- 6.7 Wyre Forest District Annual Monitoring Report 2007/08 (WFDC)*

*available on the Council's website

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Annual Monitoring Report 2008/09 Executive Summary

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