

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Agree and publish the 2022/23 Authority Monitoring Report
Decision Maker:	Helen Oakerbee, Director of Planning and Public Protection
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Graham Williamson
SLT Lead:	Neil Stubbings
Report Author and contact details:	Cara Collier Cara.collier@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Havering Local Plan 2016-2031
Financial summary:	No financial implications
Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	Places
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non-key Decision

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Things that matter for residents

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy (x)

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place (x)

Part A – Report seeking decision

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DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is a monitoring report based on indicators set out in the Havering Local Plan 2016-2031. The requirement for Local Authorities to produce an AMR is set out in section 113 of the Localism Act 2011.

This report seeks approval to publish the AMR 2022-23, a copy of which is contained in Appendix 1 of this report.

Havering adopted its Local Plan (2016-2031) in November 2021. The Local Plan commits to monitoring the effectiveness of the Local Plan in delivering its objectives through regularly assessing its performance against a series of key monitoring indicators. The monitoring indicators are laid out in Table 18 of Annex 8 of the Local Plan. There are 56 indicators.

AMRs are expected to cover the previous financial year and usually run from 1st April to 31st March. The 2021-2022 AMR was approved to be published in March 2023, as well as agreement to give the Director of Planning and Public Protection delegated authority to approve and publish future AMRs.

The monitoring indicators cover the 8 sections of the Local Plan; places to live, thriving communities, opportunities to prosper, connections, high quality places, green places, minerals, monitoring and delivery. Indicators touch on specifics such as housing delivery, retail floorspace, vacancy rates in town centres, park quality, student transport modes, changes in biodiversity sites, recycling rates, progress on key projects, etc. The AMR document highlights positive progress the Council has made, such as 1032 homes completed in 2022/23 (built by a range of developers), including 111 family homes (3+ beds). In addition, it highlights the following achievements;

- 38% of all homes completed in 2022/23 were affordable
- 59% of students in Havering are walking, scooting, or cycling to school, the highest percentage in the last 5 years
- 185 net units of specialist older persons housing were completed

The AMR includes an update of the housing trajectory, which shows the projected net additional dwellings that will be delivered up to the end of the Local Plan period.

Based on the housing trajectory, the AMR sets out the Borough's current 5 year land supply. The 5 year land supply is the supply of deliverable sites sufficient to provide 5 years' worth of housing (plus a buffer), against the Council's housing target. Demonstrating a 5 year housing land supply is important to provide an indication of whether there are sufficient sites available to meet the housing requirement. If an authority cannot demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply, including any appropriate buffer, the presumption in favour of sustainable development will apply (NPPF, paragraph 11). This means that authorities should grant permission unless:

- a. the application of policies in this Framework that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a clear reason for refusing the development proposed; or

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- b. any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in this Framework taken as a whole.

Fundamentally, this means that planning permission should be granted unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole.

At the time of the Local Plan adoption in 2021, Havering had a housing supply of 4.87 years. The AMR updates this to show 3.4 years supply.

The AMR helps to assess the effectiveness of Local Plan policies, and therefore feed into the Local Plan review as potential changes to policies are recognised.

Appendix 1 shows the draft 2022-23 AMR document.

Appendix 2 is the updated housing trajectory and 5 year housing land supply.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

3.8.4 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING

Planning

1. To deal with planning related matters in the following parts of the Constitution:
 - a) part 3 section 4: functions not to be the responsibility of the Executive;
 - b) part 3, section 5: local choice functions; and
 - c) part 3 section 6: proper officer functions,

On the 8th March 2023 Cabinet granted deleted authority to the Assistant Director of Planning and Public Protection following consultation with the Lead member for Planning and Regeneration to publish future Authority Monitoring Reports on an annual basis.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Local Authorities are required to produce an AMR under section 113 of the Localism Act 2011.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The option to not publish an AMR was rejected, as it would go against requirements in the Localism Act, and commitments made in Havering's Local Plan.

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PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

The AMR was shared with Councillor Ray Morgon and Councillor Graham Williamson prior to this decision to publish.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Cara Collier

Designation: Planning Policy Officer

Signature: *C. Collier*

Date: 11-01-2024

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Local Authorities are required to produce an AMR under section 113 of the Localism Act 2011.

The AMR includes an updated housing trajectory and 5 year land supply calculation. It shows that Havering is able to identify a supply of 3.4 years. In light of this, the Council will continue to be subject to the presumption in favour of sustainable development which means that planning permission should be granted unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole (as required by the NPPF, paragraph 11d).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no financial implications associated with publishing the Authority Monitoring Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

There are no human resources implications from publishing the AMR.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no equalities implications from publishing the AMR. An equalities assessment is not considered necessary as the document is just reporting facts.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no environmental or climate change impacts from this decision. The recommendations made in this report do not appear to conflict with the Council's policy on Environmental and Climate implications.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1	AMR 2022-23	Open
Appendix 2	Housing trajectory and 5-year housing land supply	Open

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Details of decision maker

Signed 

Name: Helen Oakerbee, Director of Planning and Public Protection

Date: 2 February 2024

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Committee Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____