

## Notice of Non-Key Executive Decision

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	<b>Agree and publish the 2023/24 Authority Monitoring Report.</b>
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	<b>Helen Oakerbee, Director of Planning and Public Protection</b>
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	<b>Councillor Graham Williamson</b>
<b>ELT Lead:</b>	<b>Neil Stubbings, Strategic Director of Place</b>
<b>Report Author and contact details:</b>	<b>Linda Beard t 01708 433131 e Linda.Beard@havering.gov.uk</b>
<b>Policy context:</b>	<b>Havering Local Plan 2016-2031</b>
<b>Financial summary:</b>	<b>There are no financial implications arising from this decision.</b>
<b>Relevant Overview &amp; Scrutiny Sub Committee:</b>	<b>Places</b>
<b>Is this decision exempt from being called-in?</b>	<b>Yes, as a Non key Decision</b>

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

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well

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

Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council (X)

## **Part A – Report seeking decision**

### **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 2023-24, a copy of which is contained in Appendix A 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 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

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 floor space, vacancy rates in town centres, park quality, student transport modes, changes in biodiversity sites, recycling rates, progress on key projects, etc.

A summary of the key findings of the AMR are set out below:

- 577 new homes completed.
- 142 family homes (3+ beds) completed.
- Affordable homes delivery percentages were 100% social/affordable rent.
- 100% of dwellings were built on previously developed land in 2023/24.
- No dwellings were lost to other uses without re-provision.
- There was a net gain of 2,091 sqm in floor space for educational purposes. This comprises the completion of a new Special Education Needs and Disability School at St Edwards Academy.
- 57% of students in Havering are walking, scooting, or cycling to school, the second highest percentage in the last 5 years

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

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buffer, the presumption in favour of sustainable development will apply (NPPF, paragraph 11). This means that authorities should grant planning permission unless:

- a. the application of policies in this Framework that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a strong reason for restricting the overall scale, type or distribution of development in the plan area; or
- 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 2.9 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 A shows the draft 2023-24 AMR document.

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

### **AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE**

#### **3.3.5**

#### **2. Planning**

2.1 To exercise all powers and functions on behalf of the Council and to meet all obligations imposed upon the Council pursuant to any planning legislation, except where such powers, functions and obligations are reserved to the Council or its committees.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Cabinet granted delegated 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.

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**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.

**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: Linda Beard

Designation: Senior Planning Policy Officer

Signature: *Linda Beard*

Date: 13 August 2025

## **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 2.9 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**

Formally publishing the Authority Monitoring Report does not give rise to any direct financial risks or implications.

### **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**

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

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An EqHIA (Equality and Health Impact Assessment) is usually carried out and on this occasion, this is not required.

The Council seeks to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all in all situations.

There are no equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this decision

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

There are no environmental or climate change implications from this decision.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

**APPENDICES**

<b>Appendix A</b>	<b>Authority Monitoring Report 2023 to 2024</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Appendix B</b>	<b>Annex 1 Housing Trajectory and 5 Year Land Supply</b>	<b>Open</b>

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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: **18 August 2025**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_