

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019

**“C110        VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2026:  
ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2019 (LRPS) –**

The report related to the first Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which assessed the performance of the policies in achieving the integrated Plan objectives which incorporated sustainable development and Strategic Environmental Assessment having regard to the Monitoring Framework set out in the LDP, and agreed by the Inspector as part of the LDP examination and consequently adopted by the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

The report outlined the format of the AMR which followed the suggested format set out in the LDP Manual. It distinguished between the core and local indicators in the monitoring framework and described the traffic light rating system which was used as a visual aid to monitor the effectiveness of the Plan's policies and to provide a quick overview of policy performance.

The report identified that none of the triggers set out in the monitoring framework (and the relevant legislation or the Welsh Government LDP manual) had been met and therefore there was no need to bring forward an early LDP review.

The report set out some of the key achievements to date and confirmed that all of the targets for the six core indicators had been met. It highlighted the indicators where further research / investigation was required, new Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) needed to be prepared and Member training would be provided.

Overall, the AMR showed that good progress was being made in implementing the majority of the Plan's policies and that the LDP strategy remained sound, having regard to the monitoring framework included within the LDP. Accordingly, it was recommended that the first AMR be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 deadline and published on the Council's website in accordance with the statutory requirements. In addition, it was recommended that the Council prepare new SPG on employment and retail to provide further clarity on the relevant LDP policies and that Member training be undertaken in relation to Policy MD1 and development outside settlements.

The Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration stated that the AMR showed several areas of encouragement – such as in the provision of affordable housing and in the number of housing in 'brownfield' land.

The Leader/Cabinet Member for Performance & Resources pointed to the fact that the Council would be exceeding the 2018/19 target in various areas such as in transport and renewable energy. However, he also wanted to refer to those indicators that needed to be further addressed and worked on such as Gypsy and Traveller accommodation and Development permitted for employment purposes, although both of these issues were being progressed.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health stated this was a well written report dealing with a complex issue and would mean the Council was 'ahead of the curve' in terms of monitoring. This was echoed by the Managing Director who said that paragraph 2.2 was particularly impressive as it was very rare for a South Wales Authority to have a five year housing supply and overall, the LDP had been very successful thus far.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the first Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report be endorsed for submission to the Welsh Government by 31st October, 2019 and for publication on the Council's website.

(2) T H A T new employment and retail Supplementary Planning Guidance be prepared.

(3) T H A T Member training be undertaken in relation to Policy MD1 and development outside settlements.

(4) T H A T Recommendations (1) to (3) inclusive and the Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report be referred to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for its consideration, and any comments be referred to the next available Cabinet Meeting.

(5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services, to make typographical or other minor changes as necessary prior to publication.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To comply with Regulation 37 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005.

(2) To provide further guidance and clarity in relation to employment and retail policies in the Local Development Plan.

- (3) To ensure that the Local Development Plan policies are being implemented as intended.
- (4) To ensure appropriate scrutiny of the report and Cabinet recommendations.
- (5) To make typographical or other minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet approval.”