

REPORT TO: Planning Committee
Cabinet

DATE: 10th November 2010
25th November 2010

SUBJECT: Annual Monitoring Report 2010

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

REPORT OF: Andy Wallis, Planning & Economic Development Director

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is a statutory document produced by the Council's Planning & Economic Development Department to report on the progress of the Local Development Framework by monitoring a range of indicators.

The 2010 Annual Monitoring Report can be viewed at www.sefton.gov.uk/AMR

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

In order to submit the 2010 AMR to Government Office for the North West (GONW) by the required 31st December 2010.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That Planning Committee notes the 2010 AMR and recommends that Cabinet approve the document for submission to GONW.
2. That Cabinet approves the submission of the 2010 AMR to GONW.
3. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Planning and Economic Development Director to
 - Make editorial changes relating to layout and presentation.
 - The addition of late information relating to data recently becoming available.
 - Make changes recommended by GONW prior to submission of the AMR.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the 'call in 'period for the minutes of the meeting

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

None – The submission of the Annual Monitoring Report is a statutory requirement.

IMPLICATIONS:**Budget/Policy Framework:** None**Financial:** None

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None**Risk Assessment:** We are required by legislation to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report.**Asset Management:** None**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

FD 547 - The Interim Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report.

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
3	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	✓		

5	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	✓		
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT
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Sefton Unitary Development Plan, 2010-13 Local Development Scheme

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is part of the Local Development Framework, as introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. We have to produce one annually and it must be submitted to the Government Office for the North West (GONW) by 31st December 2010.
- 1.2. The Department for Communities and Local Government states that survey, monitoring and review are crucial to the successful delivery of Local Development Frameworks. A systematic and dynamic monitoring system will help the Council understand the wider social, environmental and economic issues affecting Sefton and the key drivers of change that affect our area.
- 1.3. This is Sefton's sixth AMR. It covers the period from 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010. A copy of this year's AMR can be viewed at www.sefton.gov.uk/AMR.
- 1.4. The aims of the AMR are to measure the effectiveness of the policies in the UDP and any other Local Development Documents and to assess progress with our Local Development Scheme, our agreed timetable for producing documents. The effectiveness of policies is measured by a series of indicators, covering the monitoring period from April 2009 to March 2010.

2. Indicators

- 2.1. The indicators used within the AMR are a mixture of contextual indicators and output indicators. Contextual indicators measure changes in the wider environment (e.g. employment rates), and output indicators measure the impact of policies in planning documents. Examples of the latter include, for example, the level of business development and the amount of new housing built on brownfield land during the year.
- 2.2. Each year we have increased the number of indicators we have been able to report on as we have improved our monitoring systems. This year's AMR continues this trend, although there are still a number of indicators we are unable to provide comprehensive data for. In these cases we have explained the difficulties we've encountered, and whether we are likely to be able to provide data in the future, or whether a different indicator is needed.

3. Progress with the Local Development Framework

- 3.1 The AMR reviews progress in implementing the Local Development Framework. It sets out (in section 2) how successful we have been in meeting the key milestones of the Local Development Documents, as set out in the 2010 Local Development Scheme (LDS), and reasons for progress has been slower than anticipated.
- 3.2 The Core Strategy is the main document we have been progressing over the past year. Whilst good progress was made on early consultation and evidence gathering the options paper has been delayed slightly while we reported the findings of a draft Green Belt Study to each of the Area Committees during October and November 2010. The intention is that a draft Core Strategy options paper will be approved in December for consultation to begin early in 2011.

3.3 The other key document in the 2010 LDS is the Waste Development Plan Document. The Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service, on behalf of all the Merseyside authorities, is producing this document. Again, whilst early consultation was going to plan, delays have been caused by difficulties in reconciling the approaches of the Waste DPD with those of the key stakeholders.

3.4 It is hoped that once these issues are resolved the documents will proceed in a timely manner and the dates as set out in the LDS will be not far from what is achieved.

4. Key Performances Identified

4.1 Some of the key performances reported in this year's AMR are:

- There were 387 net additional dwellings built in Sefton during 2009/10, below our current annualised target of 500. This is, however, made up of healthy gains – 430 new build and 110 additional dwellings from conversions – and losses of 153 through demolitions as part of regeneration programmes.
- A total of 148 affordable homes were completed during 2009/10.
- 73.6% of business and industrial development was built on brownfield land. 97% of new homes were built on brownfield land.
- Over 14,000m² of employment floorspace was completed during 2009/10.
- Just over 3 hectares of employment land was lost to other types of development during 2009/10, most of this to housing. However, only a tiny amount of this land was designated specifically for employment or industrial use.
- Almost 24,000m² of retail, office or leisure development floorspace has been completed in Sefton during 2009/10, two-thirds of which was in out-of centre locations.
- Almost all new residential development has been built within 30 minutes travel time of a range of services, such as schools, GPs, shops and employment area.
- There have been no developments approved in the Green Belt during 2009/10 that would be considered inappropriate to that designation.
- The net increase in trees through approvals during 2009/10 is 3438 trees.
- Of the 73 relevant planning approvals during 2009/10, only 4 included a condition or design element to include Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS).

5. Using the information gathered

It is important that we use the information gathered in the AMR to inform our future planning policies. For Sefton the key document to be produced in the next year or so will be the Core Strategy. The findings of the AMR will be considered along with the results of previous studies and consultation to determine the priorities for the Core Strategy preferred strategy and objectives. The end of each section in the AMR has an assessment of how the Core Strategy can address the key finding from the indicators report.

6. RECOMMENDATION(S):

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