

South Somerset Authority Monitoring Report (September 2016)

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To consider and sign-off the Authority Monitoring Report (2016).

2. Forward Plan

2.1. This report appeared on the District Executive Forward Plan with an anticipated Committee date of September 2016.

3. Public Interest

3.1. To track the implementation of the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028) the Council is tasked with preparing an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

3.2. The Authority Monitoring Report looks at whether or not the policies in the local plan are being achieved. It also helps to inform any future revisions to policies in the local plan.

3.3. The Authority Monitoring Report is produced on an annual basis. Providing a review and analysis every year ensures the public and other stakeholders are aware of any challenges or issues that have emerged in the last 12 months; and what the Council is doing to tackle these issues.

3.4. The Authority Monitoring Report includes reference to the Council's five-year housing land supply position, but this is the subject to a separate report, which was published in July 2016.

Recommendations

That the District Executive:

- i. endorse the Authority Monitoring Report (2016) (at Appendix A); and
- ii. delegate responsibility to the Assistant Director for Economy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning to make any final minor text amendments which may be necessary to enable the Authority Monitoring Report to be published.

4. Background

4.1. The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is a new style of monitoring report that will be prepared by the Council on an annual basis.

4.2. Creating the new style monitoring report also coincides with the first monitoring year of the recently adopted South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028).

5. Authority Monitoring Report

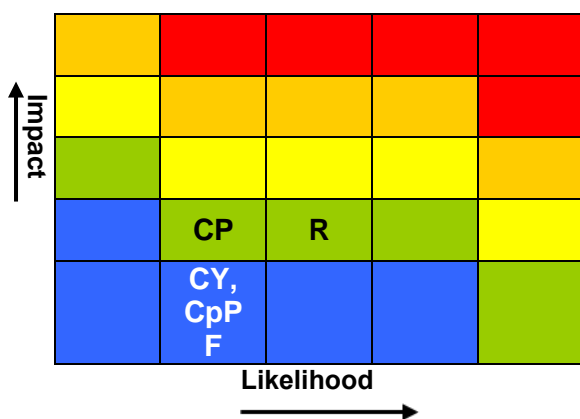
- 5.1. The AMR represents an opportunity to provide an update on important information across a series of issues. The AMR is split into three parts:
- Part One: What has been achieved in the last 12 months
 - Part Two: South Somerset in context;
 - Part Three: How are we dealing with the key issues in South Somerset?
- 5.2. The Council intends that the AMR is a useful and accessible document that can be easily read and understood by the public and stakeholders.
- 5.3. Wherever possible the AMR will provide data for up to and including the 31st March 2016. This date represents the end of the financial year cycle, upon which many statistics are reviewed and updated. Where data cannot be provided up to this date it will be specified.
- 5.4. The AMR includes both primary and secondary source data. The primary data relates to information held by the Council itself, linked to work that has been carried out as part of the Council's own evidence gathering and monitoring. Secondary source data, which makes up the vast majority of the data within the AMR, is accessed from a range of accepted and verified sources, including Government departments (e.g. Department for Communities and Local Government), other local authorities (e.g. Somerset County Council), official data collection agencies (e.g. Office of National Statistics), and third-party sources (e.g. data observatories, Oxford Economics).
- 5.5. To ensure transparency, each source will be identified and a link to the original source material will be provided. Some data may be anonymised to ensure that any commercial sensitivity is protected.

6. Financial Implications

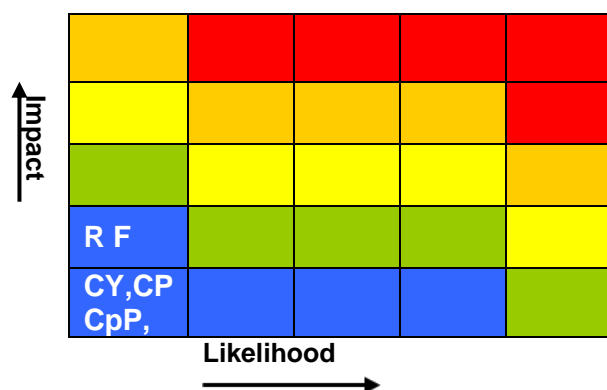
- 6.1. There are no direct financial implications from this report or the recommendations.

7. Risk Matrix

Risk Profile before officer recommendations



Risk Profile after officer recommendations



Key

Categories	Colours <i>(for further detail please refer to Risk management strategy)</i>
R = Reputation	Red = High impact and high probability
CpP = Corporate Plan Priorities	Orange = Major impact and major probability
CP = Community Priorities	Yellow = Moderate impact and moderate probability
CY = Capacity	Green = Minor impact and minor probability
F = Financial	Blue = Insignificant impact and insignificant probability

8. Corporate Priority Implications

- 8.1. The Council is tasked with producing an AMR and therefore not producing one would have a negative effect on the Council's Corporate Priorities, and have a detrimental impact on reputation.
- 8.2. A strategic level the Council needs to demonstrate whether it is achieving the objectives set out in the Local Plan. If it is not, then this will dictate Corporate activity, including the Early Review of the Local Plan.

9. Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

- 9.1. No direct implications.

10. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 10.1. No direct implications.

11. Privacy Impact Assessment

- 11.1. No direct implications.

12. Background Papers

Appendix A – South Somerset Authority's Monitoring Report (September 2016)