

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	15 December 2005
Subject:	Annual Monitoring Report 2004-5
Responsible Officer:	Executive Director (Urban Living)
Contact Officer:	Dennis Varcoe
Portfolio Holder:	Planning, Development and Housing
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

- That recommendations of the Strategic Planning Advisory Panel (SPAP) held on 1st December 2005 and as attached at Appendix 2 be approved.

Reasons for report

- SPAP has no executive powers to make decisions, so the recommendations are being put forward to Cabinet for approval.
- The first Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is a key part of the new planning system and its preparation is a requirement noted in the Local Development Scheme, which Cabinet approved on 23 June 2005. Cabinet approval is sought to agree its submission to the Secretary of State.

Benefits

- The AMR examines the performance of the Council's existing planning policies, set out in the Unitary Development Plan of 2004 and provides useful pointers as to how policy needs to be developed in the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF). It also reports on progress to date in preparing the LDF.

Cost of Proposals

- The cost of producing the AMR will be met from within the approved Departmental budget.

Risks

- Failure to submit the AMR on time (by 30 December 2005) would be a breach in the regulations governing the new planning system and may also lead to a reduction in the Planning Delivery Grant (PDG). This would have an impact on resources for planning and development services.

Implications if recommendations rejected

- This will lead to a failure to submit the AMR on time and hence the risks outlined above. This may also lead to a reduction in the Planning Delivery Grant (PDG).

Section 2: Report

Brief History and Options considered

Within the Local Development Framework (LDF) system, the government has recognised the vitally important role that monitoring plays in assessing whether sustainable development is being achieved through developments approved in the light of adopted development plan policies. This initial AMR, which is included in the report to SPAP attached at Appendix 1, provides an opportunity to reflect on various aspects of development activity in the Borough, and importantly includes a 'housing trajectory'. This informs predictions of likely future levels of housing development. A future report on the Council's response to the draft London Plan Alterations on Housing Provision Targets will draw on this information.

In line with Government requirements, as well as reflecting good project management practice, a draft Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) covering 2004-05

has been prepared. The AMR has been produced in accordance with guidance issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and which covers the length, coverage and scope of the document. Reflecting the guidance, the AMR acknowledges where there are gaps in data and information includes proposals to provide this in future AMRs.

In addition to evaluating the effectiveness of planning policies, the other key role of the AMR is to outline progress being made by the Council in delivering the work identified in the Local Development Strategy (LDS).

The Executive Summary of the AMR sets out the main findings and conclusions resulting from the work done in producing the AMR.

Members should note that the appendix to the SPAP report has been updated since the Panel to include the comments made at the meeting.

Consultation

See attached SPAP report

Financial Implications

That all costs relating to AMR will be met from existing Planning Services budgets.

Legal Implications

See attached SPAP report

Equalities Impact

See attached SPAP report

2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

N/A

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

Appendix 1 - Report considered by the Strategic Planning Advisory Panel on 1st December 2005 – circulated in the Cabinet Supporting Documents Pack

Appendix 2 – Recommendations of the Strategic Planning Advisory Panel meeting held on 1st December 2005 – circulated separately

Background papers

Local Development Scheme - Cabinet -23 June 2005.

PPS 12: Local Development Frameworks, and Guidance on producing Annual Monitoring Reports (AMRs).

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers should telephone 020 8424 1460