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Report: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2019– 2020

Purpose of the report

1. To publish the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) of planning performance.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Members note the content of the Annual Monitoring Report 2019-20.

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework.

Background

4. The Authority is required to publish an AMR each year
5. The purpose of the report is to review progress with the implementation of the current Local Plan (i.e. which covers the pre-2016 National Park area). Progress in implementing the policies in the Local Plans that cover the areas that became part of the National Park in 2016 is still reported by the three relevant District Councils. As a result, Members should be aware that a number of the figures reported here (e.g. for housing approvals and completions) do not match those reported publicly in June this year, which were for the *whole* of the National Park.

Consideration

6. This year's AMR (attached as an **Appendix**) covers the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. It follows the format set out in government guidance but is written in a way that is intended to be helpful to the Authority and users of the planning service. It combines statistical information and qualitative discussion to assess performance on procedural matters and two key areas of policy that are particularly important in the Yorkshire Dales context: housing supply; and, conversion of traditional farm buildings.

Conclusion

7. The latest AMR provides important monitoring information about the implementation of the current Local Plan, and will also be used to help inform the development of future policies as part of the forthcoming Local Plan for the whole of the National Park.

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