

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

meeting date: 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021  
 title: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2020/21  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To receive information on the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). Please refer to the full document in the following link:

[https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/13384/authority\\_monitoring\\_report.pdf](https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/13384/authority_monitoring_report.pdf)

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – As a monitoring tool for spatial policy, the AMR provides a basis with which to identify how a range of issues relating to the objectives of a sustainable economy, thriving market towns and housing will be addressed through the planning system. It informs the delivery and measures the success of the Council's planning policies, in particular the adopted Core Strategy, and Housing and Economic DPD and it will help in the protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment and delivery of affordable housing.
- Corporate Priorities – The AMR will provide a management tool to monitor progress and will aid performance and consistency.
- Other Considerations – None.

### 2 INFORMATION

2.1 Monitoring is essential to establish whether the Council is succeeding in promoting and managing the future development of Ribble Valley. The Localism Act (2011) and Section 34 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 establishes the statutory need for monitoring reports.

2.2 The format of the AMR has altered over recent years. Since the adoption of the Core Strategy in December 2014, monitoring is now focused on measuring the performance of the policies contained in this document. The Inspector who undertook the Examination in Public of the Core Strategy proposed a tighter monitoring framework based around the individual policies in the plan. This has provided some challenges in terms of availability of data and will be a matter reviewed as the new local plan is developed.

2.3 For clarity and ease of use, each indicator is presented in the following way:

Indicator No.	
Target	
Related Policy	
Result	

2.4 The report covers information on the environment, housing, the economy, delivery mechanisms and infrastructure, the Strategic Site and Development Management

policies. The following table offers a snapshot of some of the key indicators which are contained within the report.

<b>Population</b>	60,888 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Households</b>	26,947
<b>Housing Completions</b>	453
<b>New Dwellings Granted Permission</b>	81
<b>Affordable Homes Completed</b>	121
<b>Development on previously developed land</b>	13%
<b>Amount of employment land</b>	9.157 ha

<b>5 Year Housing Supply as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021<sup>2</sup></b>	14.2 Year Supply – Using the Standard Methodology 6.65 Year Supply – Using the Core Strategy Figure
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- 2.5 This AMR covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. In developing the framework, the intention was that the indicators contained in the Core Strategy would remain constant year on year and allow for annual comparisons. However, on-going monitoring since the adoption of the Core Strategy has highlighted that there remain significant data gaps where it has not been possible to collate information. This is due, in the main, to the significant resource implications involved in undertaking the monitoring, particularly in relation to retrospective data collection and analysis from the start of the plan period. Section 8: Monitoring Constraints highlights the issue surrounding the data gaps. As indicated, this has been challenging with the AMR being reliant upon information being provided by external organisations and across departments.
- 2.6 It is worth highlighting however that even where monitoring has not been possible, what has become evident is that the Core Strategy is still performing well overall (as seen through appeals and subsequent Inspector's decisions).
- 2.7 The Council will continue to monitor on an annual basis and will look to develop an improved system as part of the forthcoming Local Plan review which will seek to monitor performance in a way which considers the issues raised in paragraph 2.5.



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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Authority Monitoring Report 2020/21

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<sup>1</sup> ONS Parish population estimates for mid-2001 to mid-2019 based on best-fitting of output areas to parishes, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> 5 Year Housing Supply Statement 2021, Ribble Valley Borough Council. Available at: [https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/13330/5\\_year\\_supply\\_statement\\_2021.pdf](https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/13330/5_year_supply_statement_2021.pdf)