



Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor Michael Vincent, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities	Cabinet	13 January 2021

<b>Authorities Monitoring Report 2019-2020</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider and recommend the content of the Authorities Monitoring Report 2019-2020.

**2. Outcomes**

- 2.1 Compliance with Section 113 of the Localism Act 2011 which requires the publication of an Authorities Monitoring Report.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 That subject to the inclusion of any minor editorial alterations, the Authorities Monitoring Report 2019-2020 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved by Cabinet and made available for public inspection.

**4. Background**

- 4.1 The preparation of Annual Monitoring Reports ceased on 15 January 2012 when section 113 of the Localism Act came into force. This removed the requirement for Annual Monitoring Reports to be made to the Secretary of State. However, councils are still required to prepare reports, now known as Authorities Monitoring Reports. The Act requires councils to publish this information direct to the public at least annually in the interests of transparency.
- 4.2 The Authorities Monitoring Report is the main mechanism for assessing the performance and effects of the adopted Local Plan. It forms a critical evidence document for the Local Plan for Wyre Council.

**4.3** This is the 16<sup>th</sup> Authorities Monitoring Report for Wyre Council and the purpose therefore follows:

- To monitor key characteristics of Wyre as a wider contextual setting for Local Plan monitoring;
- To assess the planning policies of the Adopted Local Plan 2011-2031 (Adopted February 2019), including their effectiveness, and the impacts they have on the Borough; and
- To consider progress in terms of preparation of any planning policy documents set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and any 'real time' subsequent updates on the council's website.

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

- 5.1** The demographic structure of Wyre poses issues for the future. In particular, the ageing population, in-migration and projected population growth have implications for housing and provision of services.
- 5.2** The Wyre Local Plan covers a 20 year period – 2011 to 2031 and was adopted on 28 February 2019. Policy SP1 requires the delivery of a minimum of 9,200 dwellings within the plan period which translates to an annual requirement of 460 dwellings.
- 5.3** There has been 438 housing completions with 130 accounting for affordable housing and the remaining 308 as market housing.
- 5.4** There has been 0.51ha of employment land take up.
- 5.5** The average ground floor vacancy rate across town centres has risen slightly (by 1.27%) to 7.98%. The highest vacancies remain in Fleetwood (15.63%).
- 5.6** There has been no loss of green infrastructure due to development and 1.86ha of green infrastructure (including public open space) has been provided through new development.
- 5.7** There has been significant reductions in most crimes across Wyre. 2019 data shows a total number of two (2) wards with LSOAs in the bottom 10% most deprived for crime deprivation. Wards included; Mount and Pharos. This is one less than the data release in 2015.
- 5.8** There remains to be just one Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Wyre.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	This document is required to comply with Government guidance and legislation.

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<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
community safety	<b>x</b>
equality and diversity	<b>x</b>
sustainability	<b>x</b>
health and safety	<b>x</b>

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	<b>x</b>
climate change	<b>x</b>
ICT	<b>x</b>
data protection	<b>x</b>

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<b>List of background papers:</b>		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

### **List of appendices**

Appendix 1 – Draft Authorities Monitoring Report 2019-2020

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