

Report to	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Date	<b>13 February 2020</b>
By	<b>Director of Planning</b>
Title of Report	<b>Authority Monitoring Report</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To update the Committee on the publication of the Authority Monitoring Report and explain the purpose of the document</b>

**Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to note the publication of the Authority Monitoring Report**

## **I. Summary**

- I.1 The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is a document produced in each year of the Local Plan Period by all local planning authorities. It reports on the progress of planning policy making and on the effectiveness of adopted planning policies in influencing patterns and levels of development. The 2019 AMR reports on the monitoring year April 2018 to March 2019 but provides pragmatic updates where appropriate up to December 2019.
- I.2 This is the fifth AMR produced by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The South Downs Local Plan was adopted just outside the reporting year in July 2019, and so this is the last AMR that will report on local plan and joint core strategy policies that were superseded by the Local Plan. The AMR reports on a number of planning documents including the South Downs Local Plan, neighbourhood development plans and adopted and emerging waste and minerals plans. The AMR considers the performance of policies across the National Park and is linked to the monitoring of the Partnership Management Plan
- I.3 This is the first time that the AMR has been brought to Members attention at Planning Committee. It is important to make Members aware of the development trends occurring in the National Park and the feedback the AMR provides in measuring the effectiveness of planning policies. There are a number of interesting findings highlighted in the 2019 AMR, some of which are summarised below under the three chapter headings of the Local Plan.

### A Thriving Living Landscape

- In all four priority habitats in SSSI's particularly dwarf shrub heath following the reclassification of Woolmer Forest SSSI to favourable condition (page 19 of the AMR).
- Extensive monitoring of the presence of farmland birds has continued through the South Downs Farmland Bird Initiative. Populations are remaining relatively stable although there is a downward trend in Linnets and a continuing increase in Red Kites (page 19).

### People Connected with Places

- New visitor accommodation has been permitted in the National Park including five holiday lodges associated with a vineyard visitor experience in West Ashling and 50 new camping pitches at Patching (page 26).

## Towards a Sustainable Future

- A net total of 314 new homes were completed in the National Park in 2018-19, which exceeds the Local Plan annualised provision figure of 250 new homes (page 28).
- Of the new homes completed, 59 were affordable (19%) (page 39).
- There is an up-to-date five year supply of deliverable housing sites in the South Downs National Park, both against the provision figure in the South Downs Local Plan and against the benchmarks for specific areas of the National Park set out in Joint Core Strategies (page 30-36).
- Just under half of the new homes (45%) were built on previously developed land (page 37).
- A total of 8,835m<sup>2</sup> of new employment floorspace was completed in the National Park in 2018-19. The biggest completions were at Chilcomb Park near Winchester and Malling Brooks in the heart of Lewes. (page 42).

## **2. Other Implications**

<b>Implication</b>	<b>Yes*/No</b>
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	No
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	No
Has due regard been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	Due regard, where relevant, has been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equalities Act 2010.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy:	The AMR reflects back the performance of planning policies including the extent to which they are delivering sustainable development.

## **3. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision**

3.1 None.

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Appendices I. Authority Monitoring Report 01 April 2018 – 31 March 2019  
SDNPA Consultees Legal Services; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer; Director of Planning  
External Consultees None  
Background Documents Based on raw data from a variety of sources including housing and employment monitoring carried out by Hampshire County Council, West Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council and SDNPA. Also uses planning information that is available on the Public Access system.