

# Cabinet

## 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

#### ADOPTED CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2006 – 2021)

#### Purpose:

To fulfil the statutory responsibilities to monitor the implementation of the adopted Local Development Plan (2006 – 2021) and to produce an Annual Monitoring Report.

#### Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To consider the Annual Monitoring Report for the adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) – as required for submission to the Welsh Government by 31 October 2023.
- That the findings and evidence contained within this Annual Monitoring Report be considered as, and inform evidence gathering as part of, the preparation of the revised LDP 2018 -2033.
- Give officers delegated authority to make typographical or factual amendments as necessary to improve the clarity and accuracy of the Annual Monitoring Report.

#### Reasons:

- To receive and accept the content of the report and the appended Annual Monitoring Report 2022/23.
- To note the outcomes and baseline data as part of ongoing LDP monitoring and as evidence in respect of the emerging Revised LDP 2018 - 2033.

Cabinet Decision Required	YES
Council Decision Required	YES

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Ann Davies  
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**CABINET**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**Annual Monitoring Report 2022/23**

**Adopted Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (2006 – 2021)**

**1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.**

This report follows the adoption of the Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (2006 – 2021) (LDP) and presents the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for 2022/23. The AMR has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Local Development Plan (LDP) Regulations 2005.

Following consideration of the 2016/17 AMR it was resolved to prepare a Review Report into the adopted LDP. This was considered at the meeting of Full Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which resolved to commence preparation of the Revised LDP 2018 – 2033. However, whilst the preparation of the Revised LDP continues, the Council is still required to prepare AMRs with the information and data produced used as evidence in the preparation of the Revised Plan.

A copy of the emerging draft AMR is appended as part of this report. It should be noted that the content of the AMR and this report will develop as further evidence and data becomes available ahead of reporting to County Council.

This report relates to the AMR for the adopted LDP 2006 – 2021 and not the content of the Revised LDP. The adopted LDP will remain in force until it is replaced by the emerging Revised Plan at the point of its adoption.

**2. Background**

As part of the requirement to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the adopted LDP, Carmarthenshire County Council is required by the Welsh Government to produce and submit an AMR.

This report presents the latest AMR and follows the LDP's formal adoption on the 10th December 2014. Covering the period of 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 this AMR assesses the progress in implementing LDP policies and proposals. The AMR provides the basis for monitoring the effectiveness of the adopted LDP and demonstrates the extent to which its strategy and objectives are being achieved and whether its policies are operating and functioning effectively.

**3. Next Steps**

The AMR will, in accordance with the Council's statutory duty, be submitted to the Welsh Government and published on the Council's website by 31st October. This publication will be accompanied by an informal consultation which will afford interested parties the opportunity to comment on the key issues raised. Whilst not a statutory requirement, such a consultation provides an important opportunity for views to be submitted, and where appropriate for those views to contribute to the content of subsequent AMRs.

The content of this AMR, along with that of the previous three documents, will be used to inform the preparation of the Revised LDP 2018 – 2033 and its associated evidence base.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**  
**Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2022/23**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **R Griffiths**

**Head of Place and Sustainability**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The AMR in monitoring the implementation of the adopted LDP's policies and provisions, builds on the links and strategic compatibility between it and Carmarthenshire County Council's well-being objectives. It also ensures alignment with the national Well-being Goals set out within the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015. Through its land use planning policies, the Revised LDP will seek to promote the principles of sustainability and sustainable development by facilitating the creation of communities and local economies which are more sustainable, providing access to local services and facilities and reducing the need to travel.

The integration of sustainability as part of the preparation of the LDP is reflected in the undertaking of a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment reflecting national and international legislative requirements. The AMR in considering matters of sustainability, further monitors the outcomes of the Plan in light of the Sustainability Appraisal indicators.

The AMR considers key national legislative changes including the requirements emanating from the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Council's Well-being Objectives and the implications for the LDP. In this respect, the AMR undertakes a compatibility analysis of the LDP and the National and local Well-being Objectives. It is also noted that the LDP review will need to ensure the requirements emanating from the Act are fully and appropriately considered with the Plan.

## **2. Legal**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires each Local Planning Authority to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on its LDP following adoption and to keep all matters under review that are expected to affect the development of its area. It also fulfils the requirements of section 76 of the Act in keeping all matters under review that are expected to affect the development of its area. Under the Act, the Council has a duty to produce information on these matters in the form of an Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Welsh Government, and publication on the Carmarthenshire County Council's website by 31st October each year following plan adoption.

Section 69 of the 2004 Act requires an LPA to undertake a review of an LDP and report to the Welsh Government at such times as prescribed (Regulation 41).

## **4. Finance**

Financial costs to are covered through current financial provisions, including where appropriate reserves.

## **6. Physical Assets**

Whilst not a consideration in respect of the content of the AMR, its monitoring outcomes in informing the preparation of the Revised LDP will impact on Council land and property holdings through their inclusion or otherwise for potential development purposes. This will have implications on potential disposal and land valuations and consequently capital receipts.

## **7. Staffing Implications**

It is anticipated that the ongoing monitoring and implementation of the adopted LDP will be accommodated through the existing staff structure.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: R Griffiths

Head of Place and Sustainability

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	NO
<b>If yes include the following information: -</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date the report was considered:-</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-</b>	

## 2. Local Member(s)

The content of the AMR will be reported to Council for consideration. Members will be engaged throughout the preparation of the revised LDP. The content of the AMR will be subject to an informal consultation process.

## 3. Community / Town Council

Town/Community Council(s) will be a specific consultee at statutory stages throughout the preparation of the revised LDP. The content of the AMR will be subject to an informal consultation process.

## 4. Relevant Partners

A range of partners will be specific and general consultees throughout the preparation of the revised LDP. The content of the AMR will be subject to an informal consultation process.

## 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Internal contributions will be sought throughout the preparation of the Revised LDP.

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED</b> YES	<b>Cabinet member aware briefing date to be confirmed.</b>
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**  
**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**  
**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
<b>Carmarthenshire Adopted Local Development Plan</b>		<u><a href="http://cartogold.co.uk">Carmarthenshire Council - Unitary Development Plan (cartogold.co.uk)</a></u>
<b>Annual Monitoring Reports</b>		<u><a href="http://gov.wales">Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) (gov.wales)</a></u>
<b>Revised Local Development Plan</b>		<u><a href="http://gov.wales">Local Development Plan 2018 - 2033 (gov.wales)</a></u>
<b>Supplementary Planning Guidance</b>		<u><a href="http://gov.wales">Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) (gov.wales)</a></u>
<b>LDP Review Report</b>		<u><a href="http://gov.wales">ldp-review-report-english-version.pdf (gov.wales)</a></u>