

## **Authority Monitoring Report 2019:** **Executive Summary**

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- The Melton Authority Monitoring Report 2019 (AMR) has been prepared under Section 113 of the Localism Act 2011. The Localism Act states that Local Planning Authorities such as Melton Borough Council (MBC) must publish information directly to the public in relation to the implementation of their Local Development Schemes and local development policies at least yearly in the interests of transparency.
- The sections in this report contain information about how the Local Plan policies are performing, actions taken under the duty to cooperate, progress on the infrastructure delivery plan, contributions made through S106 Agreements and the progress of Neighbourhood Plans. The majority of the data recorded within this AMR is for the yearly period between 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019, for specific information on when data was collated please refer to each document.
- [Local Plan Progress](#): The Melton Local Plan 2011-2036 (MLP) was adopted by Full Council on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Local Plan is the main part of the development plan for the whole of the Borough. It will be given full weight by the Council in making decisions on planning applications. The minerals and waste planning authority for the district is Leicestershire County Council. They are currently in the process of preparing a new Minerals and Waste Local Plan for Leicestershire; on the 21st May 2019 The Local Plan underwent examination to consider whether it can be adopted by the county council. The Inspectors recommended the main modifications as proposed by the Council, and concluded that, with these modifications; the Local Plan satisfies the legal requirements and meets the criteria for soundness
- [Housing](#): The data and statistics within this AMR will set baselines as post MLP adoption figures. Currently, housing completions are above target by 30.5%, with the annual completions in 2018/19 at 222 and cumulative completions since 2011 at 999. Additionally affordable housing is 45% below target with 33 completions, of which 9 are AHO and 24 are affordable rented. However, the Council is above target for the five year housing supply, with 7.7 years supply recorded. In terms of

the provision of pitches for Gypsies and Travellers, all the pitches required in the Local Plan were delivered in 2017.

- [Employment](#): These measure the performance of policies related to the employment land provision in the Borough. Currently the completion of new general employment floor space is 16.93% below the annual average needed to reach the Melton Local Plan target.
- [Retail & Town Centre indicators](#): These indicators along with the previous section help us to understand how we are performing in order to maintain and enhance a strong and competitive economy, especially in Melton Mowbray Town Centre. A change to previous footfall monitoring resources means we now have a more accurate picture of numbers of visitors to the town centre and in future means we are more able to track data more accurately, for 2019 the total number of visitors to the town centre was 2,385,249 with a vacant unit rate of 6.0%.
- [Melton Mowbray Sustainable Neighbourhoods \(SNs\) progress](#): These indicators show progress on the SNs overall and also on delivery of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. In Jan 2019, MBC appointed One Creative Environments Ltd to prepare masterplans for both Sustainable Neighbourhoods, and this work is due for completion and incorporation into SPD during Autumn 2019. Between the 7th June and 25th July a public consultation commenced on the Melton Sustainable Neighbourhoods SPD Scoping Report, and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report. This consultation is the first stage in preparing a SPD, with a further public consultation on a draft SPD to follow later this summer. During the 2019 AMR period a bid for Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) to support its delivery was submitted and is currently being considered by the Government.
- [Environment](#): These show how the environmental policies are performing. The majority of the biodiversity and heritage assets have shown no net change compared to the baselines established in 2016 which is a positive sign. Heritage Assets at Risk sites (HAR) will need to be monitored as this has had an increase of 33.3% since 2016.
- [Duty to Cooperate](#): This sets out the requirements for cooperation and joint working across different Local and sub-regional Authorities and agencies. Melton Borough Council has also been involved in the preparation of the Strategic Growth Plan (SGP) along with the Leicestershire authorities and the LLEP. It was agreed by all participating organisations including Melton Borough Council in late 2018 and will be implemented by the Commitment made by the partner Authorities to align their Local Plans/Reviews to its content. Leicestershire authorities including Melton and other bodies are currently working on a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) to address strategic issues, and more specifically the unmet housing need from Leicester City. To date, only Leicester City has declared that it will not be able to meet all of its housing needs up to 2031 and that the amount of the unmet need has yet to be quantified and resolved in discussion with the housing market area partners. An updated version of the duty to cooperate will be prepared in due course.

- [Infrastructure Delivery Plan \(IDP\)](#): This audit provides a review of existing provision and future requirements for physical, social and green infrastructure. This is based on planned growth of the borough as set out in the Local Plan (October 2018). The IDP identifies infrastructure requirements of the borough over the plan period to 2036 and in Autumn 2018 a refreshed IDP was published.
- [Neighbourhood Plan progress](#): This provides a snapshot of the progress of the different Neighbourhood Development Plans in June 2019. In total 17 areas are at some stage of the process, with 2 at informal discussions, 9 at public consultation and 5 Plans now legally adopted (Wymondham, Long Clawson, Hose & Harby, Nether Broughton & Dalby, Waltham on the Wolds, Frisby). These 5 Neighbourhood Plans will sit alongside the Local Plan and are part of the local development plan for the purposes of decision making.
- [Developer Contributions](#): This provides an update of the Melton Borough Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) position and the S106 contributions. Further progress on CIL is expected in 2019, to advance from Preliminary Draft Charging schedule stage. The Council secured £354,668.66 of developer contributions in s106 agreements in the financial period 2018/19 giving a total of £2,837,242.08 since 2011. Once the development has progressed trigger points can be met, these may include; prior to commencement of development, prior to occupation of the first dwelling; prior to 25% of dwellings completed. Since 2011 the council has received in total £333,407.75 of contribution payments. As of July 2019 the council has decided that that progress on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) be suspended until a time where the council believes it is a suitable approach for MBC.

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