

**Subject: Local Development
Framework – 2nd Annual Monitoring
Report (2006)**

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Report of: Head of Planning, Legal and Democratic Services

**Portfolio Cabinet Member For Regeneration
Holder:**

Key Decision: NO

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report informs members of the 2nd Annual Monitoring Report which needs to be submitted to Government Office for the North West by 31st December 2006. It seeks approval of the document for submission to be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Spatial Development.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to the following priorities:-

- Improving performance across the 8 x 8 by 2008 indicators (Improvement). BVPI 200c refers specifically to producing this Monitoring Report.
- This Report will show the Council's performance in relation to plan-making and achieving both government and local planning objectives.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 By not submitting the Annual Monitoring Report on time the Council will fail to meet BVPI 200c, which will have implications on the Council's performance rating. In respect of the tests of soundness for the Local Development Framework it is expected that there is a clear mechanism for implementing and monitoring planning policies.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act of 2004 (s.35) requires local planning authorities to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report in order to inform the Secretary of State how the Local Development Scheme is being implemented and the extent to which national and local planning policies are being achieved. This is also a Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI 200c). The AMR is part of Rossendale's Local Development Framework.
- 4.2 Members will recall that an Annual Monitoring Report was prepared in December 2005 and submitted to GONW. As a result the Council was awarded approximately £50,000 as part of the Planning Delivery Grant. This year's PDG will not be affected by submission of the AMR, however, as expressed above submitting the document is one of the Council's Best Value Performance Indicators.
- 4.3 The main comment back from GONW on last year's report was that it was perhaps too detailed. Hence it is intended that this year's AMR will be shorter and more concise, concentrating on the Government's Core Indicators, which are listed below:
- Business development
 - Housing
 - Transport
 - Local services
 - Flood protection and water quality
 - Biodiversity
 - Renewable energy
- 4.4 The AMR will monitor the period 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006.
- 4.5 In addition to monitoring Core Indicators the AMR will consider progress of the Local Development Scheme, indicating how the Local Development Framework is progressing, particularly in reference to the key milestones. No formal changes to the LDS will be made without prior approval of the Council.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 Whilst the submission of the AMR does not directly impact on future PDG the implications of the AMR data on the Councils performance, its performance indicators and milestones may impact on future PDG.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

No HR implications.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The Annual Monitoring Report is an important document which sets out the Council's performance in relation to plan-making and examines how planning policies are being implemented in Development Control decisions.

8. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 8.1 The Cabinet notes that a 2nd Annual Monitoring Report will be prepared and submitted before 31st December 2006 to Government Office for the North West. The AMR will be publicly available and put on the Council's website.
- 8.2 That approval of the Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Secretary of State be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services & Spatial Development.

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Annual Monitoring Report (2005)	Forward Planning office / www.rossendale.gov.uk/forwardplanning
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	Forward Planning office
Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators. Update 1/2005 (ODPM, Oct 2005).	Forward Planning office