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ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2008**

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Summary:

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires every local planning authority to produce an Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Secretary of State by 31 December each year. This report summarises the findings of the Authority's 2008 monitoring report, which contains information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which existing planning policies are used and effective.

Recommendations

- 1. To note the contents of the 2008 Annual Monitoring Report.**

Resources and Corporate Plan:

A4 – Develop spatial planning policies to support the delivery of the National Park's purposes and duties.

Routine resources

Paper:

NFNPA 283/09: Cover paper
NFNPA 283/09 Annex 1: Annual Monitoring Report 2008

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to submit an Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State by 31 December each year. The report should:

- set out progress on Local Development Document preparation against the timetable outlined in the authority's Local Development Scheme;
- assess the extent to which current planning policies are being implemented;
- identify the significant effects of implementing policies in Local Development Documents and whether they are as intended;
- set out whether policies are to be amended or replaced.

1.2 This Monitoring Report covers the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008, and includes a number of new monitoring indicators which means direct comparisons with the previous report will not be possible for some indicators.

2. Monitoring results overview

Local Development Scheme

2.1 The Report highlights that some progress was made on the National Park Authority's Local Development Framework. A number of milestones were successfully reached, including the adoption and publication of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy. However, the current Local Development Scheme, brought into effect in February 2007, now requires updating to reflect recent changes in the plan making system, proposed documents and timetables for consultation and adoption. This includes:

- setting out the approach of preparing the Core Strategy jointly with the National Park Management Plan and Development Control Policies rather than a joint Core Strategy with New Forest District Council;
 - the need to reflect additional work required for the Minerals and Waste documents, and the proposed changes to the regional aggregates apportionment.
- 2.2 A revised Local Development Scheme has been drafted and will be submitted to Government in early 2009 to reflect these recent changes.

Policy performance

- 2.3 Analysis of the performance of the current planning policies covering the National Park indicates that they are performing well and the Authority is largely achieving the objectives set out in the constituent local plans.
- 2.4 However, a number of individual issues have been highlighted which particularly relate to the discrepancies between different policies in the constituent local plans covering the National Park, for instance different policies on affordable housing. Particular concerns are the number of planning permissions being allowed on appeal; the loss of traditional dwellings and the size and design of their replacements. Work on the Core Strategy and daughter documents is seeking to review and consolidate these policies where necessary.

Data collection

- 2.5 Issues concerning the availability and robustness of some of the data required for this Report have been highlighted at relevant points in the Report. This will be addressed in developing the Authority's monitoring systems.

Recommendations

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