

## Report to OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

# Oldham Local Plan – Oldham’s Monitoring Report 2017/18

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### **Purpose of the Report**

Oldham’s Monitoring Report has been requested by Overview and Scrutiny Board Members.

### **Executive Summary**

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### **Recommendations**

To note the findings of the Monitoring Report 2017/18.

**Oldham Local Plan – Oldham’s Monitoring Report 2017/18****1 Background**

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**2 Current Position****2.1 Key Indicator Results from Oldham’s Monitoring Report**

- Employment – 13,416 sqm of industrial and commercial floorspace was completed. All of this development was on previously developed land.
- Heritage – Whilst there were no applications for the loss of listed buildings in their entirety, there were three applications granted for the part demolition of listed buildings.
- There has been one Site of Biological Importance (SBIs) deleted during the monitoring period (Royton Moss) and one Regionally Important Geodiversity Site (RIGS) adopted (Glodwick Brickpit) in 2017/18.
- Renewable Energy – 7 out of 26 relevant major applications were granted planning permission during 2017/18 with a condition attached requiring applicants to meet Policy 18 ‘Energy’. This represents 27% of applications.

**2.2 Housing Land Availability**

The key findings for housing land availability are summarised below:

- Over the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, net housing completions totaled 313 dwellings.
- 73% of completions during 2017/18 took place on previously developed land.
- The proportion of completions consisting of three or more bedrooms was 75% in 2017/18.
- As of 1 April 2018 the borough’s five-year housing land supply contains sufficient land to accommodate 2,725 dwellings. This represents 6.65 year supply of deliverable housing and provides us with an additional 20% buffer against the borough’s housing requirement set out in the Local Plan. The borough’s housing land supply therefore provides sufficient flexibility to take account of any changes in circumstances that may arise and ensures choice and competition in the market for land, as required by National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This commentary compares the housing land supply against the housing requirement set out in the Joint DPD, adopted 2011. It is acknowledged that the current five year housing land supply would not meet proposed housing requirements in the

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draft GMSF (published November 2016) or that set out in the Government's "Technical consultation on updates to national planning policy and guidance" which is currently out for consultation.

**3 Key Issues for Overview and Scrutiny to Discuss**

3.1 The board have requested to see the report.

**4 Key Questions for Overview and Scrutiny to Consider**

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**5 Links to Corporate Outcomes**

5.1 The Monitoring Report monitors a range of planning indicators which seek to assess the effectiveness of the council's land-use planning policies and as such links to the council's priorities and objectives under the Cooperative Agenda.

**6 Additional Supporting Information**

6.1 None.

**7 Consultation**

7.1 No specific consultation has been undertaken on the Monitoring Report as it is only reporting on the performance of the council's planning policies.

**8 Appendices**

8.1 Appendix 1: Oldhams Monitoring Report 2017/18

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