

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 6 FEBRUARY 2018

Recommendations from the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 14 December 2017:-

Local Plan – Annual Monitoring report – Approval of the Report for Publication

Report of the Executive Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which had a number of purposes acting as a record of how the Borough's population and places were performing and how much development was taking place, assessing how that met the Council's targets and setting out projections and expectations for future development and changes in the Borough's population. The 2016/17 AMR reported on the period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

The main content of the AMR was set out across nine chapters. A presentation was made and the main points raised and discussed were as follows:

- The Borough's population would increase during the year to 122,000
- The number of homes completed during the year was 509 and this was noted as being the highest number for a few years.
- There had been 93 new affordable homes brought to the market during the year. The difference between affordable homes and social housing was clarified.
- Concern was expressed regarding office space being used for residential dwellings.

Officers were thanked for the excellent report.

A copy of the report and presentation would be circulated to the Panel for information and a link to the report and presentation would be emailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel recommends to the Cabinet that the Annual Monitoring Report be approved for publication and that the Head of Planning be given delegated powers to agree any minor alterations to finalise the AMR following consultation with the Executive Member (Planning, Housing and Community).