

REPORT TO: Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 11th February 2026

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director Environment and Regeneration

PORTFOLIO: Environment and Urban Renewal

SUBJECT: Annual Monitoring Report

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Local Plan for Halton currently comprises the adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (2022) and the Joint Waste Plan (2013). The statutory Local Development Plan is the set of Local Plans (also known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that together form the statutory basis for determining whether planning permission should be granted.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the PPB endorse the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) so that the document can be made publicly available and published on the Councils website.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The AMR document provides greater detail and analysis for each topic area covering the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025, with background information back to 2014.

3.2 This document must be updated annually to provide up to date information. This is important as it will help inform local planning authorities if there is a need to undertake a partial or full update of the local plan, which is reviewed every 5 years. The AMR monitors the performance of the adopted Local Plan, reviewing the success of planning policies using various indicators.

3.3 Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out what information the reports must contain. Appendix F (Monitoring Framework) of the DALP set out the targets that have been developed to measure the direct effects of the policies on achieving the targets.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Members wish to ensure that DALP policies are performing effectively, and the core strategies are being met.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Annual Monitoring Reports will need to be updated annually, which will impact on staff resources.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

The AMR ensures the DALP Policies that concern Health and Well-being are effective. It includes data on life expectancy rates, permissions for hot food takeaways, and how developers are mitigating the health impacts of new development through Health Impact Assessments.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The AMR is accompanied by the Employment AMR Document which reports on the status/progress of employment allocations. The AMR also reports on the economic (in)activity of residents, number of VAT registered businesses, vacancy rates in the town centres and average household incomes.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

The AMR reports on the provision of facilities such as schools and sports playing pitches, as well as affordable housing.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

The AMR reports on statistics like those claiming universal credit, workless households and people who are long-term sick.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

This AMR reports on the boroughs CO2 emissions, development of Renewable Energy Installations, and development that requires Energy Statements and pollution. It also records any changes in the Mersey Estuary, Protected Trees and Ancient Woodland. It also reports on the provision of parks and green spaces within the borough. It also reports on the provision of Sustainable Transport within the borough.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

The AMR reports on the community assets within the Borough.

7.0 Risk Analysis

7.1 There are no legal or financial risks arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The AMR reports on sustainability and climate change.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

‘None under the meaning of the Act.’