

## **Appendix 3: Summary of process for Authorities' Monitoring Reports 2014**

### **1.0 SUMMARY OF AMR PROCESS - 2014**

- 1.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published on 27 March 2012 and came into force with immediate effect, superseding previous planning guidance, and on the 6 April 2012 'The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012' were published. For reference, Part 8, Section 34 of these new regulations deals with Authorities' Monitoring Reports in full, but in summary, this includes that they should:
- Report progress on the timetable for the preparation of documents set out in the local development scheme including the stages that each document has met or the reasons where they are not being met
  - Identify where a local planning authority are not implementing a policy specified in a local plan together with the steps (if any) that the local planning authority intend to take to secure that the policy is implemented
  - Include information on net additional dwellings and net additional affordable dwellings
  - Report where a local planning authority have made a neighbourhood development order or a neighbourhood development plan
  - Where a local planning authority has prepared a report in accordance with regulation 62 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010**(b)**, the local planning authority's monitoring report must contain the information specified in regulation 62(4) of those Regulations i.e. details of CIL expenditure and receipts
  - Any action taken during the monitoring period where a local planning authority have co-operated with another local planning authority, county council, or relevant body
  - A local planning authority must make any up-to-date information, which they have collected for monitoring purposes, available in accordance with regulation 35 as soon as possible after the information becomes available
- 1.2 There is a requirement for the production and publication of each Authority's Monitoring Report at least annually. The AMR must be published on the council's website as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 1.3 There is no requirement for formal public consultation but the AMR 2014 has previously undergone internal consultation within the council and also with Hertfordshire County Council; it features in the January 2014 Members' Bulletin.
- 1.4 Watford's Monitoring Report 2014 focuses on monitoring a suite of indicators and monitoring mechanisms that were developed as the Local Plan Part 1 progressed and are included as the 'Monitoring Framework' within the Core Strategy. They measure the effects of our local plan

policies; the indicators will be regularly reviewed and are currently under review as the Local Plan Part 2 policies are progressed.

- 1.5 Watford's Monitoring Report 2014 is published, together with the **Executive Summary – extracted from AMR 2014**, (covering Pages 5-8 of the full AMR 2014 and available to download separately), on the website [www.watford.gov.uk](http://www.watford.gov.uk) as soon as possible, once finalised, together with previous AMRs and other local plan documentation.