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Somerset West and Taunton Council

Authority Monitoring Report 2018 – 2019

**for the former areas of Taunton Deane Borough Council
and West Somerset Council**

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Introduction

- 1.1 All local councils are required by section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by section 113 Localism Act 2011, to prepare an annual report to monitor the progress of the council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) and to report on the performance of the council's planning policies..
- 1.2 In April 2019, a new council, Somerset West and Taunton Council, was created which covers the area of the former Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) and West Somerset Council (WSC). The new Council has commenced work on producing a new district wide Local Plan to reflect the aims, aspirations and direction of travel for the new administrative area. This new SWT Local Plan excludes the area covered by the Exmoor National Park planning authority.
- 1.3 Until the SWT Local Plan is adopted (anticipated for late 2021) in order to meet the requirements of legislation to monitor the performance of planning policies, the existing Taunton Deane and West Somerset AMR indicators will continue to be used to monitor the respective local plans. Chapter 3 of this document covers the indicators monitoring the Taunton Deane Core Strategy (adopted 2004), chapter 4 covers those for the West Somerset Local Plan (adopted 2016).
- 1.4 This is the first Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) to be produced for the new council, and covers the monitoring period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. Information beyond this date is included where it helps to provide a more complete picture of planning performance.
- 1.5 On adoption of the SWT Local Plan 2040, a new set of indicators for the AMR will be established to reflect the new policies and objectives.

Local Development Scheme implementation

- 1.6 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that a local planning authority must prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS), setting out the timetable for preparation of various Local Development Documents.
- 1.7 The first adopted LDS for Somerset West and Taunton Council came into effect through a Full Council resolution on 16th July 2019. The table below is a summary of the projects and proposed timeline taken from the adopted LDS.

Project	Key stages	Proposed Dates	Actual Dates
Somerset West and Taunton District wide Local Plan (Development Plan Document)	Legal Compliance - to commence Local Plan review within 5 years of the adoption date.	Q2 quarter, 2019/20	
	Publish (Regulation 18)	Q3 quarter, 19/20	
	Publication (Regulation 19)	Q2 quarter, 2020/21	
	Submission (Regulation 22)	Q3 quarter, 2020/21	
	Independent examination (Regulation 24)	Q1 quarter, 2021/22	
	Adoption	Q3 quarter, 2021/22	
Review of Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan (2008)	To be considered as part of District –wide Local Plan Review - see above		
Review of Site Allocations and Development Management Plan (2016)			
Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Publication & consultation	Q2 quarter, 2019/20	Jul –Sep 2019
	Adoption	Q3 quarter, 2019/20	20 Nov 2019
Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)	n/a	Annually Q3 quarter	

Project	Key stages	Proposed Dates	Actual Dates
Review of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	Publication & consultation	TBC	
	Independent examination	TBC	
	Adoption	TBC	
Supplementary planning documents (SPD)			
Adoption of Taunton Garden Town Plan: Design Guidance	Adoption	Q3 quarter, 2019/20	
Affordable Housing SPD	Publication & consultation	Post Adoption of District wide Local Plan	
	Adoption	TBC	

Policy monitoring for the former Taunton Deane Borough Council area

Policy status

- 1.8 Paragraph (2) of Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to identify and provide reasons for not implementing any policy in a local plan.
- 1.9 Following the adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan on 13th December 2016, most Local Plan policies have been superseded. Policies T15, T30 and T31 remain as part of the Development Plan and will be reviewed as part of the new SWT Local Plan.

Monitoring of policies

- 1.10 The Councils adopted Core Strategy contains eight strategic objectives:

- Climate change
- Economy
- Town and other centres
- Housing
- Inclusive communities
- Accessibility
- Infrastructure
- Environment

All policies in the adopted Core Strategy can be linked with these Plan objectives and also the objectives and policies of the adopted Taunton Town Centre AAP (2008).

- 1.11 The following tables set out these objectives, related policies and their implementation, measured against associated monitoring indicators and targets. All data collated from 'Internal monitoring' refers to the period 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019.

Objective 1 Climate change

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Per capita carbon dioxide emissions	Reduction from 2006 baseline of 6.5 tonnes per year	3.9t (2017)	-4.9% (2016)	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (2017)
Renewable energy installations by capacity and type:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved since 2011 	Year on Year increase from 2011 baseline	51,744kW power 3,959kW heat	598kW power 16kW heat	Internal monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed in year 		73,467kW power 16,326kW heat	No new data available	Green Alliance Renewable Locator 2017
Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice	Zero permissions	0	0	Internal monitoring
Change in areas of biodiversity habitat	Increase from 2006 baseline	5377.4ha (2014)	N/A	Internal monitoring
Modal share of trips to / from:				
a. Taunton and Wellington town centres, and	Increase in non car use from 2010 baseline of 24% Taunton and 46% Wellington	N/A	N/A	Town Centre 'Health Check' every 5 years
b. Travel to / from work	Increase from 2001 census baseline of 34.3% non car use	26.57%	N/A	Census 2011
Percentage of household waste recycled	None set	52.41%	+0.13pp	Somerset Waste Partnership 2017/18 (Partnership wide figure includes kerbside collections and recycling centres)

* Somerset West and Taunton level data

Objective 2 Economy

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
The number of net additional jobs created	11,900 net additional jobs (from 2006 baseline: 51,100 economically active in employment)	72,000*	+13,100	Nomis Labour Supply in Employment (Jul 18–Jun 19)
Amount of completed Class B employment floorspace (2006-2028)	49,500 m ² new office space	21,860 m ² New office space	+149 m ²	Internal monitoring
	36.5 ha new industrial/storage/sui generis land	23.26 ha new industrial/storage/sui generis land	+1.56 ha	
Amount of approved floorspace for other employment generating activities (from 2006 baseline)	65,755 m ² gross residential institutional space	20,569 m ²	0	Internal monitoring
	55,755 m ² gross non residential institutional space	13,600 m ²	+2,461 m ²	
Amount of Class B employment land use lost to other uses	No target but yearly assessment Measure from 2006 baseline	5.23 ha	0	Internal monitoring
Employment land commitments	None set	73,772 m ² Office space	-155 m ²	Internal monitoring
		71.64 ha Industrial/storage/sui generis land	-5.34 ha	

* Somerset West and Taunton level data

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Levels of self containment	Improvements on 2001 levels:			
	82% Taunton	80.8%	-1.2pp (2001)	Census 2011
74% Wellington	N/A	N/A		
Growth in Green Knowledge Economy jobs	Increase from 13% workforce in 2006 baseline to 17% by 2028	N/A	N/A	Internal monitoring (current figures from Cambridge Econometrics; RTP)
Gross average weekly earnings of full time employees (median)	Provision of better quality jobs to reach South West average earnings and seek to reach national average compared with 2008 baseline (96% regional average and 90% of national average)	£548.60*	+£28.10	Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings Workplace analyses (2019 provisional results)
		£560.60 South West (92.8%)	+£23.00	
		£591.30 England (88.0%)	+£16.40	
Gross Value Added (GVA) per head	To increase GVA from 2006 baseline to national average (83% of national average in 2006)	£21,295 Somerset (76.2%)	+£143	ONS Regional GVA data (2017 data – awaiting 2108 release)
		£27,949 England	+£889	

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Objective 3 Towns and other centres

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Amount of completed town and district centre floorspace for major town centre uses (from 2010 baseline)	93,150 m ² gross retail space	5,118 m ²	0	Internal monitoring
	35,157 m ² gross assembly leisure and cultural floorspace	6,092 m ²	0	
	6 cinema screens	0 m ²	0	
Amount of completed floorspace for major town centre uses outside of defined centres/contrary to policy (from 2010 baseline)	Retail, leisure, cultural and assembly – Zero	2,806 m ²	0	Internal monitoring
Resident satisfaction with town centres	Improvements from 2010 baseline (various measures)	N/A	N/A	Town Centre 'Health Check' every 5 years
Position of Taunton in the national and regional retail hierarchy	Improvement on the 2008 baseline ranking of 82 nd nationally and 9 th regionally	N/A	N/A	Management Horizons Europe Index, as part of 'Health Check' every 5 years

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Objective 4 Housing

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Net additional dwellings over the five year period	At least 3,500 dwellings 2011-16 At least 4,500 dwellings 2016-21 At least 7,500 dwellings 2021-28	3,162 (2011-16) 2,313 (2016-19)	+497	Internal monitoring
Average net additional dwellings per annum for the period	At least 700 dpa 2011-16 At least 900 dpa 2016-21 At least 1071 dpa 2021-28	632 (2011-16) 771 (2016-19)	-137	Internal monitoring
Affordable housing completions (by tenure)	25% of annualised target	43.7%	+33.1 pp	Internal monitoring
Affordable housing completions (by tenure) outside Taunton and Wellington	At least 400 completions 2011-2028	282 (2011-19)	+4	Internal monitoring
Net additional pitches (Gypsy & Traveller)				
i) permanent	25 additional permanent pitches by 2015; and 19 further permanent pitches by 2020	17	0	Internal monitoring
ii) transit	5 transit pitches by 2015	0	0	
Housing Quality – Building for Life assessment				
i) very good ii) good iii) average iv) poor	80% of assessments good or above	N/A	N/A	Internal monitoring (ceased in Sept 2012 - now obsolete)

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Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Five year deliverable supply of housing sites	At least five years' supply for Taunton Deane Borough	6.87 years	+1016 years	TDBC SHLAA Review 2019
Total number of households		46,907	N/A	Census 2011
Average household size (persons)		2.3	N/A	Census 2011
1 person households		30.2%	N/A	Census 2011
Couples		19.5%	N/A	
Couples with dependent child(ren)		19.5%	N/A	
Lone parent with dependent child(ren)		6.0%	N/A	
Total number of dwellings		54,786	+640	TDBC figure from Council tax Office (residential properties paying Council Tax 2019)
Owner occupied (inc shared ownership)		67.4%	N/A	Census 2011
Rented (LA, HA, RSL)		15.6%	N/A	
Private rented/rent free		16.9%	N/A	
Quality of stock (unfit dwellings)		3.8%	N/A	ONS Housing Strategy (no further data available)

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Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Percentage of residential units built on brownfield sites		43.46%	+9.74 pp	Internal monitoring
Percentage of dwellings completed by bed size (new build)		1 bed 18.55% 2 beds 28.57% 3 beds 34.25% 4+ beds 18.79%	+5.14 pp -8.73 pp +10.6 pp -7.18pp	Internal monitoring
Percentage of dwellings completed on:				
i) allocated sites		49.70%	-14.85 pp	Internal monitoring
ii) windfall sites		50.30%	+14.85 pp	
Percentage of total windfall Taunton PUA		24.14%	+5.9 pp	Internal monitoring
Total windfall outside settlement limits		42	-43	Internal monitoring
Percentage of windfall outside settlement limits		8.45%	-1.37 pp	Internal monitoring

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Objective 5 Inclusive communities

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Improving amount and quality of Open Space provision	By 2015 a minimum of 6.85 ha per 1,000 population of Open Space provision (6.02ha per 1,000 in 2006)	6.23 ha (2015)	-	Internal monitoring
	By 2015 a minimum quality rating of 4 (good) for all Open Space provision	4.7 average (2015)	-	
Improving Health	Reduce the mortality rate for cardio-vascular disease for people under 75 years to 40.95 per 100,000 directly aged standardised population by 2013/14	56.7*	-5.3	Public Health England SWT Health Profile (2019)
	Year on year reduction in the percentage of people with limiting long term illnesses	18.3%	N/A	Census 2011
	Year on year increase in life expectancy at birth	79.4 yrs male 83.6 yrs female	Not calculated for SWT as period is 2015-17.	Public Health England LA Health Profile (2018)
	Year on year increase in percentage of adult sport and active recreation participation, equivalent to at least three sessions a week, 30 minutes, moderate intensity on at least 12 days out of the last 4 weeks	24.8%	N/A	Sport England (2 yr average 2014-16) Not available in this format
Improving Education and Learning	Year on year increase in the percentage of 16 year olds achieving 5+ GCSE at grade A*-C, including English & mathematics (Somerset level data)	56.4%	N/A	Department for Education Not available in this format
	Increase in the percentage of working age population with NVQ level 3+ qualification	53%*	-11.7 pp	Nomis Labour Market Profile (Jan-Dec 2018)

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Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Reducing Crime	Year on year reduction in the crime rate per '000 population - Somerset Community Safety Partnership	69 (per '000 population)	+1	ONS Recorded Crime Data (2019)
	Year on year increase in the percentage of residents who feel fairly safe & very safe a) after dark b) during the day	Data no longer available	N/A	Home Office Avon and Somerset Police
Rural services in Taunton Deane:				
Village Halls	To maintain or increase numbers	37	No change	Internal monitoring
GPs		5	-1	
Fuel Stations		6	No change	
POs		4	-1	
PO and shops		7	No change	
Other shops		19+	-1	
Primary School		20	No change	
Public House		34	-1	
Libraries		2	No change	
Community Hall within 1 mile radius of new developments			100%	

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Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Increasing amount of Housing in Sustainable locations	Year on year increase in the percentage of completions in sustainable settlements	491 (98.8%)	-352 (+1.5 pp)	Internal monitoring
Indicators of Deprivation	Reduction in the number of LSOAs within the upper 10% most deprived nationally	3	No change	DCLG Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019
	Reduction in the number of LSOAs within the upper 10% IMD barriers to housing and services	10	+3 (2015)	
Increase in Economic Activity	Year on year increase in the percentage of the population economically active	79.9%*	-4.7 pp	Nomis Labour Market Profile (August 2018)
Average house price		£230,471	+£434	Land Registry April 2018
Median Gross Annual Pay - full time employees		£29,648	+£3,619	Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings Workplace Analysis (2019)
Affordability Ratio		7.77	+/-1.07	Average house price divided by median earnings of full time employees (2018)

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Objective 6 Accessibility

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
New housing in Taunton and Wellington located within 400m of a principal bus corridor	90%	75.2%	-6.4 pp	Internal monitoring
New office development in Taunton located within 400m of a railway station	80%	0%	0 pp	Internal monitoring
New residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, hospital, primary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre	85%	98.6% (490)	+28 pp	Internal monitoring
New housing in Taunton and Wellington within 5 minutes walk of a town, district or local centre and primary school, and served by the cycle network	80%	22.6%	-10.1 pp	Internal monitoring
Proportion of trips by modes other than the private car to and from the proposed urban extensions in Taunton	50%	N/A	N/A	Internal monitoring
Residential units constructed as car-free developments	15%	11.9% (59)	+5.2 pp	Internal monitoring
Development complying with adopted car and cycle parking standards	100%	N/A	N/A	Internal monitoring
Completion of cycle network linking urban extensions in Taunton with the existing urban area	By 2028	N/A	N/A	Urban Extensions SPD

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Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Completion of cycle schemes in accordance with the Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan	By 2016	Tr10(a) partially upgraded Tr10(b) route agreed Tr10(c) no progress Tr10(d) no progress Tr10(e) new stands provided in Station Road	No further progress	Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan Policy Tr10
Overall bus / pedestrian priority scheme in Taunton Town Centre	By 2016	St James Street, 12 month trial closure May 2019 – May 2020. Future trials anticipated for Hammet Street and East Street.	Trial road closures commenced	Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan Policies Tr8, G4, Hs3, Hs4
Completion of bus / rail interchange at Taunton Station	By 2016	Improvements being implemented	Work commenced	Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan Policy Fp4
Redevelopment of Taunton bus station with enhanced facilities	By 2016	No progress	No further progress	Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan Policy G3
Percentage of households with no car		17.5%	N/A	Census 2011

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Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Commuting - % of work age population in employment				
Car/Motorcycle		66.7%	N/A	Census 2011
Public Transport		3.6%	N/A	
Cycle		6.4%	N/A	
Foot		15.9%	N/A	
Commuting - Distance travelled to work km				
Less than 2 km		25.6%	N/A	Census 2011
2-5 km		19.3%	N/A	
More than 5 km		35.2%	N/A	
Average distance		14.8 km	N/A	

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Objective 7 Infrastructure

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Completion of one-off items of infrastructure within the identified timescales	100% on time	None yet undertaken	N/A	IDP, CIL Administration
Provision of population-driven infrastructure and services in step with housing growth	Development to fully meet the need for population-driven infrastructure, after allowing for any public funding or provision	None yet undertaken	N/A	IDP, CIL Administration

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Objective 8 Environment

Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Woodland coverage in the Borough	Increase in line with Somerset Woodland Strategy 2010 from current coverage of 7.62% to 8.7%	9.06%	National Forest Inventory 2015 – data not available at local level	Forestry Commission
Length of 'green links' and 'blue links' lost / created through new development (from 2011 baseline)	No net loss	1609 m	N/A	Internal monitoring
Number of the following European protected species:				
i) the lesser horseshoe bat colony at Hestercombe House SAC	Monitoring to show no net downward trend in the population of protected species	N/A	N/A	Monitoring by the Somerset Bat Group and reported to Natural England; Monitoring carried out as part of the monitoring for TTCAAP.
ii) the barbastelle bat population at Longforth Farm		N/A	N/A	
iii) the dormouse population at Cades Farm/ Jurston Farm/ Longforth Farm		N/A	N/A	
iv) the Daubenton's bats on the River Tone in Taunton		N/A	N/A	
Condition of the following designated sites (European, SACs):				
i) Hestercombe House SSSI	Site is in either 'unfavourable recovering' or favourable' condition	100%	0	Natural England
ii) Quants SSSI		100%	0	
iii) Curry and Hay Moors SSSI		1.74%	0	
iv) Holme and Clean Moors SSSI		93.73%	0	

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Indicator of achievement	Target	Current status	Change since last year	Source
Area (hectares) of local nature reserves provided per 1,000 population	1 ha	0.825 ha	0	Natural England/ Internal monitoring
Number of waterbodies at Good Ecological Status (or above)	Increase from 2009 baseline data (4)	6	N/A	Environment Agency (no data available this year)
Changes in the number of:				
i) Listed Buildings	No net loss	2065	+4	Historic England
ii) Conservation Areas		52	0	
Number of planning applications refused or withdrawn following advice from EA		0	-2	Internal monitoring

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Policy monitoring for the former West Somerset Council area

Policy status

- 1.12 Paragraph (2) of Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to identify and provide reasons for not implementing any policy in a local plan.
- 1.13 All policies in the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 are currently being implemented, there are also policies from the West Somerset Local Plan adopted April 2006, which remain extant. These extant policies are listed in Appendix 4 of the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032.

Monitoring of policies

- 1.14 The Council's adopted Local Plan identifies the following key issues:

- Housing and Community
- Settlement hierarchy and development distribution
- Transport
- Employment / Business / Tourism
- Climate Change and
- Historic and Natural Heritage protection

Another key issue is coordinating policy development with the Exmoor National Park Authority. Somerset West and Taunton Council is only responsible for spatial and land-use planning within the Local Planning Authority Area (LPA). This excludes those parts of Exmoor National Park (ENP) which fall within the District Council's boundaries.

- 1.15 The following tables set out the main policy areas, related policies and their implementation, measured against associated monitoring indicators and targets. All data collated from 'Internal monitoring' refers to the period 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019.

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Sustainable communities & settlement policies

Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status		Change since last year	Source
	Total number of dwellings in West Somerset LPA		13,970		+40	2011 Baseline from Strategic Housing Market Assessment: West Somerset Update (Nov 2013) plus annual completions.
SC2	Net additional dwellings in the reporting year	An average of 145 dwellings per annum	40		-63	Internal Monitoring
Sc2	Net additional dwellings over the plan period	At least 2,900 net dwellings 2012 - 2032	680		+40	Internal Monitoring
SC2	Net additional dwellings on allocated strategic sites over the plan period	At least 1,450 net dwellings 2012 - 2032	0		-18	Internal Monitoring
SC2	Percentage of dwellings completed on: i) Allocated sites ii) Windfall sites	50% 50%	i) ii)	0% 100%	-17.5 +17.5	Internal Monitoring
SC3	Percentage of new build dwellings completed by bed size	To provide a mix that meets the needs of the community	1 bed 2 beds 3 beds 4+beds	0% 4.3% 73.9% 21.7%	-8.6pp -18.5pp +23.9pp +3.2pp	Internal Monitoring

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Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status	Change since last year	Source
SC3	Percentage of new build dwellings completed by type	To provide a mix that meets the needs of the community	Flat 0% House 100% Bungalow 0% 55+ accom 0%	-6.4pp +6.4pp 0 0	Internal Monitoring
	Percentage of residential units built on brownfield sites		37.5%	+14.4pp	Internal Monitoring
SC4	Affordable housing completions	35% of annualised target	7.5 %	-11.7pp	Internal Monitoring
SC4	Affordable housing completions over the plan period	An average of 50 dwellings per annum	143	+3	Internal Monitoring
OC1	Net additional dwellings outside identified settlements in Policy SC1		5	-21	Internal Monitoring
OC1	Percentage of net additional dwellings outside identified settlements in Policy SC1		12.5%	-12.5pp	Internal Monitoring
	Five Year deliverable supply of housing sites	At least five years' supply for West Somerset Council planning area	5.58 years	-2.23	West Somerset SHLAA review (March 2019)

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Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status	Change since last year	Source
	Total number of households		11,962	N/A	West Somerset Strategic Housing Market Assessment (Nov 2013) Profile calculations for WSC LPA based on 2011 Census Review
	Average household size (persons)		2.2	N/A	
	1 person households		33.7%	N/A	
	Couples with no children		20.1%	N/A	
	Families with dependent child(ren)		15.8%	N/A	
	Lone parent with dependent child(ren)		4.3%	N/A	
	Households – all aged 65 and over		34.6%	N/A	
	Owner occupied (inc shared ownership)		67.9%	N/A	
	Rented (LA, HA, RSL)		14.2%	N/A	
	Private rented/rent free		17.8%	N/A	

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Economy

Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status	Change since last year	Source
	Total number of jobs in Somerset West and Taunton		72,000*	+55,300	Nomis Labour Market Profile – Labour supply in employment (March 2018)
	Gross average weekly earnings of full time employees	To reach South West regional average earnings	SWT £548.60* South West £560.60	+£118.80 +£23.00	Nomis Labour Market Profile – Earnings by residence
	Gross value Added (GVA) per head	To increase GVA to South West regional average	Somerset £21,295 South West £23,981	+£143 +£433	ONS Regional GVA data (2017 data – awaiting 2018 release)
EC1	Employment land commitments		5.59 ha	-0.15 ha	Employment Land Review Stage 3 Report. April 2010 and Internal Monitoring
EC2	Net additional Class B employment floorspace on Major Employment Sites	To protect the success of existing business areas	708 sq m	0	Internal Monitoring
EC3	Amount of completed employment land on Greenfield sites	To protect Greenfield sites from unnecessary development	0.99 ha	0	Internal Monitoring
EC5	Amount of Class B employment land lost to other uses over the plan period	To protect existing employment land from redevelopment for non Class B use	-0.57 ha	0	Internal Monitoring

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Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status		Change since last year	Source
EC7	Amount of completed floorspace for training and educational provision	To increase the range and/or skill level of the local workforce	71 sq m		0	Internal Monitoring
EC8/ EC9	Number of planning applications for tourism generating developments/ facilities	To encourage more visitors to the area	Approved	2	+1	Internal Monitoring
		Refused	0	0		
<i>Note: Applications for refurbishment projects within existing attractions have not been included.</i>						
EC8/ EC9	Net additional holiday lets/ tourist accommodation		Self-catering Units	-102	+96	Internal Monitoring
			Hotel beds	-6	+84	
			Caravan Pitches	82	+55	
EC11	Number of planning applications for farm diversification proposals	To support the local agricultural economy	Approved	0	-1	Internal Monitoring
			Refused	0	0	
EC12	Amount of completed retail floorspace (A1/A3/A4/A5) within the defined retail areas over the plan period	To protect the existing retail areas and maintain their economic vitality and viability	New COU	55 sq m	0	Internal Monitoring
				0 sq m	0	
EC12	Amount of completed retail floorspace (A1/A3/A4/A5) outside of the defined retail areas over the plan period		New COU	0 sq m	0	Internal Monitoring
				-76 sq m	+58 sq m	

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Transport

Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status	Change since last year	Source
TR1/ TR2	New housing located within 400m of the principle bus network	To maintain and strengthen the existing public transport network and reduce the reliance on private cars	85.2%	+25.4pp	Internal Monitoring
TR1/ TR2	Residential units constructed as car-free developments (new build)		0%	0	Internal Monitoring
	Percentage of households with no car		19.4%	N/A	West Somerset Strategic Housing Market Assessment (Nov 2013)
	Commuting - Car/motorcycle		59.9%	N/A	2011 Census % of work age population in employment
	Commuting - Public Transport		3.1%	N/A	
	Commuting - Cycle		2.8%	N/A	
	Commuting - Foot		20.5%	N/A	
	Commuting - Other		0.9%	N/A	
	Commuting - Less than 2km		24.7%	N/A	2011 Census Distance travelled to work in km
	Commuting - 2-5km		7.4%	N/A	
	Commuting - 5-20km		22.0%	N/A	
	Commuting - More than 20km		18.1%	N/A	
	Work mainly at or from home		27.9%	N/A	
	Commuting - Average distance		18.9km	N/A	

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Community facilities and public health

Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status	Change since last year	Source
CF1	Recreation and leisure land (D2 class use) completions in year	To provide sufficient sport, recreational and cultural facilities for the local community	0.25 ha	+0.25 ha	Internal Monitoring
CF1	Recreation and leisure land (D2 class use) completions over the plan period		2.05 ha	+0.25 ha	Internal Monitoring
<i>Note: Applications for refurbishment projects within existing attractions have not been included.</i>					
CF2	Number of strategic development site applications with a health impact assessment	To ensure new development contribute to improving public health within the area	0	0	Internal Monitoring
CF2	Number of strategic development site applications without a health impact assessment		0	-1	Internal Monitoring
	Life expectancy at birth	Year on year increase	81.6 yrs - male 83.8 yrs - female	Not calculated for SWT as period is 2015-17.	Public Health England LA Health Profile (2018)
	Adult participation in sport and active recreation (equivalent to at least 3 x 30min sessions of moderate activity per week)	Year on year increase	19.9%	N/A	Sport England (2 year average) Not available in this format

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Climate change

Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status		Change since last year	Source
CC1	Per capita carbon dioxide emissions (within scope of influence)	Year on year reduction	5.8t (2017)		-0.5t (2016)	Dept of Environment and Climate Change (2016)
CC1	Number of applications for renewable energy installations	Year on year increase of approvals	Approved	3	+2	Internal Monitoring
			Refused	0	0	
CC1	Approved renewable energy applications by type	Year on year increase	Power	kW 12	+9 kW	Internal Monitoring
			Heat	14	+14 kW	
CC1	Completed renewable energy applications by type	Year on year increase	Power	kW 11,400	N/A	Green Alliance Renewable Locator 2016
			Heat	8,800	N/A	
CC2	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice	Zero permissions	0		N/A	Internal Monitoring
CC3	Number of planning applications within the Coastal Change Management Area	To protect new (and existing) development from flood risk arising from increasing sea levels	Approved	0	0	Internal Monitoring
			Refused	0	0	
CC4	Number of planning applications on greenfield sites within the Coastal Zone	To protect the undeveloped coastal landscape	Approved	2	-2	Internal Monitoring
			Refused	0	0	

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Natural and historic environment

Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status	Change since last year	Source
NH1	Changes in the number of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed Buildings Scheduled Ancient Monuments Conservation Areas Historic Parks & Gardens Areas of High Archaeological Potential 	No net loss	730 82 11 3 7	0 0 0 0 0	Somerset County Council – West Somerset Historic Environment Paper (April 2014), plus annual listings by Historic England
NH5	Amount of Grade 1, 2 and 3a agricultural land lost to other uses (on sites of 10ha +)	To protect Grade 1, 2 and 3a agricultural land from development	0	0	Internal Monitoring
NH11	Number of planning applications for new dwellings within the Bat Consultation Zone	To protect the Barbastelle Bat	Approved 0 Refused 0	0 0	Internal Monitoring
NH12	Number of planning applications for wind energy development within the Waterfowl Consultation Zone	To protect migrating bird populations vulnerable to collision with wind turbines	Approved 0 Refused 0	0 0	Internal Monitoring
Condition of the following designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest:					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Anchor to Lilstock Coast Bridgwater Bay Briggins Moor Cleeve Hill Ge-Mare Farm Fields Roebuck Meadows The Quantocks 	% of site in either 'favourable' or 'unfavourable recovering' condition	100% 99.71% 100% 100% 100% 100% 81.30%	0 0 0 0 0 0 -9.27	Natural England

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Gypsies and travellers

Policy No	Indicator of achievement	Target	Current Status	Change since last year	Source
GT1	Net additional gypsy and traveller pitches over the plan period	At least 10 pitches 2012 - 2032	0	0	Internal Monitoring

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General indicators for Somerset West and Taunton Council area

Indicator	Somerset West and Taunton		South West	England & Wales	Source
Population					
Population size	153,800*		5,559,700	58,115,700	ONS MYE Annual 2018 (nearest '00)
Age Structure					
0-14	3,900*		928,700	10,674,500	ONS MYE Annual 2018 (nearest '00)
15-29	2,600*		980,500	11,011,000	
30-64	5,000*		2,440,300	26,599,000	
65+	7,700*		1,230,200	10,831,200	
Population Density					
People per sq km	130*		235	391	ONS population Density 2018
Ethnic Composition					
	TDBC	WSC			
White	97.2%	98.6%	95.4%	86.0%	Census 2011
Mixed	0.9%	0.6%	1.4%	2.2%	
Asian	1.1%	0.5%	1.6%	6.8%	
Black	0.3%	0.1%	0.9%	3.3%	
Chinese or other	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%	1.7%	

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Other matters

Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDO) and Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP)

1.16 Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 require a planning authority's AMR to contain details of any NDO or NDP prepared within its area.

1.17 The Neighbourhood Development Plans that have been adopted by Full Council following a referendum within the relevant Plan area are:

Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone NDP adopted by TDBC on 12th July 2016

Trull & Staplehay NDP adopted by TDBC on 11th July 2017

Stogumber NDP adopted by WSC on 23rd November 2017

West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine NDP adopted by TDBC on 23rd April 2018

1.18 Other designated NDPs within the District are:

- Ruishton & Thornfalcon
- Wellington
- Oake
- Creech St Mchael
- Wiveliscombe

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

1.19 If a Community Infrastructure Levy is in place, Regulation 34 (2012) requires a local planning authority to prepare a report for the CIL it has collected for that financial year.

1.20 CIL was introduced in the former Taunton Deane area on 1st April 2014. In the financial year 2018/19 there was £1,101,739.16 CIL collected, £176,634.27 was allocated to Parish Councils, but none was spent by the Local Authority.

1.21 The former West Somerset Council planning area does not currently have CIL in place.

Housing Implementation Strategy and Trajectory

- 1.22 The Taunton Deane Core Strategy, adopted in September 2012 sets a long-term target of at least 17,000 new homes of which around 4,000 should be affordable over the period 2008 – 2028.
- 1.23 The housing target set by the West Somerset Local Plan, adopted in November 2016, is to deliver 2,900 dwellings during the period to 2032. A minimum of 1,450 of these new homes will be provided on allocated key strategic sites at Minehead/Alcombe, Watchet and Williton.
- 1.24 The 2019 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for the two former councils identifies a five year deliverable supply of 6.87 years for the former Taunton Deane area and 5.58 years for the former West Somerset area. The full SHLAA documents, including trajectories and individual site information sheets and maps, can be found on the Somerset West and Taunton website.

Duty to co-operate (DtC)

- 1.25 The Local Planning Authority is required to co-operate with other local planning authorities and prescribed bodies in relation to strategic matters. The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act S33A (4) (a) (as amended by the Localism 2011 Act) defines a strategic matter as 'sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas...' This includes the provision of strategic infrastructure.

The duty requires:

- Councils and public bodies to 'engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis' to develop strategic policy;
 - Councils to set out planning policies to address such issues; and
 - Councils to consider joint approaches to plan making.
- 1.26 Based upon the contents of the DtC documents associated with the adopted Site Allocations Development Management Plan (2016) and the adopted West Somerset Local Plan (2017), there are a number of strategic issues which require a collaborative cross-boundary approach and partnership working. Other adopted local plans pre-date the DtC legislation. Accordingly, our records recognise the valuable co-operative working and partnership activity that takes place between the DtC bodies (and many other parties) over a number of years on:

The impacts of the Hinkley Point C new nuclear project. Planning to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of the Hinkley Point C new nuclear project have already given rise to a joint Supplementary Planning Document prepared by the former West Somerset Council and Sedgemoor District Council. At an officer and member level there has also been substantial co-operative working between SWT, Sedgemoor DC, Somerset County Council and other bodies including the Environment Agency in relation to the Development Consent Order and strategic impacts. Further information, is already available on various websites, including www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/hinkley-point-c.

The management of responses to coastal change, erosion and sea level rise requires working between parties including: the Marine Management Organisation, the Environment Agency, Exmoor National Park Authority, Somerset County Council (as local lead flood risk body and Highway Authority) and others. The completed Shoreline Management Plan 2: SMP 18 Hartland Point to Anchor Head includes a policy approach of 'managed realignment' of the coastal defences between Minehead and Blue Anchor and the protection of Hinkley Point to allow for continued protection of the nuclear power station and its expansion. The adopted West Somerset Local Plan includes the indicative realignment lines set out in SMP2.

Housing requirement and strategy development. Historically there has been a considerable amount of co-operation involving regular meetings with the Exmoor National Park Authority over cross-boundary issues relating to housing requirements and development strategy. Officers have met regularly to discuss matters arising from:

- the assessment of housing requirements for their respective Local Plan area;
- design treatment of development close to the National Park boundary at Minehead; and
- the relative roles and functions of settlements on both sides of the National Park boundary.

1.27 As explained within the introduction of this AMR, the new Council has commenced work on producing a new district wide Local Plan for the new administrative area. As this Local Plan process develops, in line with the regulations, SWT will formally consult the prescribed organisations during consultation periods and summarise the key duty to cooperate actions and outcomes within future AMR's.

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