

Breckland Local Plan Examination

Matter 19: **Monitoring Framework**

Breckland District Council **Hearing Statement**

March 2018



19.1: To be effective should all policies have a monitoring framework with suitable and measurable indicators and targets to indicate if or when a review of the Plan may be necessary?

1. The chapter on the Implementation Strategy in the plan describes how the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will be utilised to ensure growth proposed in the plan is supported by necessary infrastructure which is costed, funded and is therefore deliverable. Paragraph 8.20 of the Implementation Strategy sets out that the plan will be complemented by a monitoring framework to assess the effectiveness of the policies. The mechanism for monitoring policies is already undertaken through the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and therefore will continue upon adoption of the policies in the new Breckland Local Plan.
2. In order to strengthen the Implementation Strategy it is proposed that the following text, which sets a commitment to developing monitoring triggers in the AMR is included as a modification:

The Council is committed to delivering growth in accordance with the policies and proposals in this Local Plan. The implementation of the policies in the Breckland Local Plan will be assessed through a monitoring framework set in the Authorities Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR will contain monitoring indicators, which provide a trigger for the Council to act in accordance with this policy.

If the AMR indicates that the overall level of growth and/or that the delivery of specific development allocations are not being achieved, the Council will take a proactive approach to overcome issues affecting implementation, through the use of the following measures:

1. Undertake a review of the relevant policy and implementation procedure to establish the issues affecting delivery; and/or,
2. Review the delivery of site-specific allocations; and/or
3. Review the mechanisms for financial contributions to development, which may be impacting on development viability; and/or
4. Consider external funding opportunities accessible to either the developer or the Council such as grants or loans to aid delivery; and/or
5. Develop further working relationships with various partners across the public, private and voluntary sectors in order to look at ways to facilitate implementation; and/or,
6. Consider the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents to provide clearer guidance as to how policies should be implemented.
7. Consider a single policy review, in exceptional circumstances.

If, through utilising the measures outlined above, the ability to meet the aims and objectives of the Local Plan are fundamentally constrained then the Council will consider the need for a partial or full review of the Local Plan.