

SWDP 63: Monitoring Framework

Why do we need to monitor?

1. Monitoring and review are important components of the planning system. Local Plans need to be regularly monitored, in order to assess the effectiveness of policies and to identify the need for partial or wholesale review.
2. The implementation of the policies contained in the SWDP will require concerted action by a range of public, private and voluntary sector bodies working in partnership. The role of the Plan is to provide a clear and robust framework for development so that investment and action can be co-ordinated to facilitate efficient and effective delivery. Monitoring provides crucial feedback into the process of policy-making and review and helps to address questions such as:
 - a. Are policies achieving their objectives and delivering sustainable development?
 - b. Have policies had unintended consequences?
 - c. Is the planning context and the evidence base behind the policies still relevant?
 - d. Are targets being achieved?
 - e. Should different indicators be used?

How will the South Worcestershire Development Plan be monitored ?

3. **The South Worcestershire Authorities Monitoring Report (SWAMR)** will be prepared by the SWC. The SWAMR will assess the extent to which policies set out in the SWDP are proving effective and whether targets are being met. Monitoring will assess progress in delivering the Vision and Objectives through the implementation of policies. The SWAMR will also report on progress on infrastructure delivery as set out in Annex I of the SWIDP and on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Objectives set out in Table 11.1 of the Sustainability Report November 2012.
4. The SWAMR will set out progress on the proposed Traveller and Travelling Show People DPD, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and SPDs.
5. The SWAMR will also include an annual updated housing trajectories, which will set out the net additional dwellings completed to date and the estimated future completions for the remainder of the SWDP period. This will be supplemented by and more detailed 'housing land availability assessments'.
6. To achieve the Plan targets and milestones the SWC will:
 - a. Approve planning applications that are consistent with the policies set out in the Plan.
 - b. Work in partnership with a range of public, private and voluntary sector organisations to co-ordinate investment and ensure the successful implementation and delivery of the vision, objectives and policies.