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**Statement prepared by Gloucestershire County Council | May 2019****Main Matter 8 | Monitoring and Implementation****Issue: Whether the monitoring and implementation arrangements will be effective?****Question 63:**

Is the approach to minerals monitoring in the Plan practicable?

1. Yes – the County Council considers that the approach to minerals monitoring set out in the plan is practicable. A comprehensive monitoring and plan delivery framework has been established, articulated through a detailed monitoring schedule (section 12, [SUB 001](#)). For each of the plan's policies, there are targets to measure performance against and 'triggers' to signpost when corrective actions should be investigated outside of the statutory 5-year review period. In addition, key partners to assist in the carrying out of monitoring have been identified along with the likely data requirements, sources and timescales.

**Question 64:**

Does the monitoring process for minerals provide for co-operation and participation and are appropriate participants involved?

2. Yes – the County Council considers that the proposed monitoring process for minerals will have to involve some degree of cooperation and participation with appropriate participants. These are set out in the plan's monitoring schedule (section 12, [SUB 001](#)). Relevant partners who are responsible for, collect and / or hold vital monitoring information for each of the plan's policies have been separately identified on the monitoring schedule.

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**Question 65:**

**How do the monitoring and implementation arrangements ensure that the Councils engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with all relevant organisations on strategic matters of relevance to the plan's preparation, as required by the Duty to Co-operate?**

3. The plan's monitoring schedule clearly identifies all of the relevant participants who are needed to engage in the monitoring of the plan's policies. A number of these participants are also DtC bodies that the County Council has scoped and headlined within the Duty to Co-operate (DtC) Statement (pages 6 to 8, [SUB 010](#)). As part of the DtC process, the County Council has also already sought to secure high-level agreements with a number of DtC bodies over collectively engagement with strategic matters. This has included commitments to share and / or jointly collect monitoring data and other evidence wherever possible (Appendices 1 to 5, [SUB 010](#)). In addition, the transparency of the plan's monitoring will be able to be scrutinised including engagement with DtC bodies in the future, through the County Council's commitment to publish Minerals (& Waste) Authority Monitoring Reports (AMRs) (page 134, [SUB 001](#)).

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