

Issue 6 Topic Paper

Monitoring and Implementation

Whether the CS provides a robust basis to enable measurements to take place and the need for remedial action to be identified.

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1.1 Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning (CD12.33 paragraph 4.47) requires core strategies to include an implementation and monitoring plan for policies. This therefore ensures that the plan does not fail and achieves its aims. Therefore within the WCS (CD1.1) there are specific sections relating to implementation (section 5 page 91) and monitoring/measuring progress (section 6 page 105).

6.1 While the indicators are given, the targets are not universally expressed as trajectories throughout the plan period. How is it intended to identify if/when a delivery issue is occurring at any particular point during the plan period?

2.1 Paragraph 6.12 of the WCS (CD1.1) states that the results of monitoring of the WCS will be published in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The Council has recently produced its final AMR in its current format. Following the adoption of the WCS there will be a need to change the format of the AMR in order to monitor the WCS policies. Under the Localism Act 2011 there will be changes to this process. Local Authorities will still be required to produce a report which includes information on the extent to how policies are being achieved on at least a yearly basis. Through the new style monitoring reports the Council will monitor the policies in the WCS to ensure that they are being implemented or need to be changed. This will be then made available to public on at least a yearly basis.

2.2 In earlier correspondence from the Inspector (CD13.1) he had highlighted that the monitoring framework should include key milestones. Due to the style of a number of the policies within the WCS it would not be possible to allocate fixed milestones. The Council considers that the proposed methods of measurement would provide an accurate picture of the effectiveness of the policies. For each policy the delivery timescale is outlined in CD1.1 section 5.

2.3 The policies where key milestone could be used for monitoring are:

WCS1: The Council have already adopted a SPD on Waste Minimisation (CD11.13), which will be implemented with immediate effect. The aim is for all planning application for (e.g. Major development – see Policy WCS1 CD 1.1) to be accompanied with a Waste Minimisation Statement. This percentage of planning applications which are accompanied with a waste minimisation statement could be brought into the monitoring of the policy.

WCS2: The policy states that the County has a target of 60% recycling by 2020. Again this policy is intended to be implemented with immediate effect. However there is an aim for recycling and composting of household to achieve 60% by 2020.

WCS4: The policy relates to the development of proposals for 'other recovery (including energy recovery)'. As part of the policy it states that the Waste Planning Authority will make provision for the following residual waste recovery capacity – MSW 150,000 tonnes /year and Commercial & Industrial waste to 143,000 to 193,000 tonnes/year. Again this policy would be implemented with immediate effect. Practically there is a link with the recovery of MSW to residual waste diversion in 2015 (see CD 10.4 Table 3I and CD 1.1 paragraph 3.14). For C & I waste the target year capacities are derived from RSS capacity figures for 2020 (CD

1.3 FC 9) but the aim is for diversion from landfill towards these targets with immediate effect.

2.4 All other milestones for delivery are outlined in Section 5 of the WCS (CD1.1). Any mitigation to overcome any potential constraints to delivery is outlined for each policy within the implementation framework in Section 5.

6.2 If a delivery issue is indentified at any point during the Plan period, where in the CS does it say what action will be taken?

3.1 The monitoring proposals contained within the WCS will highlight if the policies are working. If there are cases where the policies are not meeting the targets and objectives then this can potentially trigger the revision or replacement of these policies. If it is a case of new policies then stakeholders will be consulted (CD1.1 paragraph 6.14).