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# Chapter 14

# Monitoring & Reviewing Process

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## 14.1 Introduction

Under the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014, Kerry County Council has a statutory obligation to secure the implementation of the objectives of the County Development Plan. Kerry County Council is fully committed to the implementation of this Development Plan. The Council will actively undertake a leadership role to progress and secure the Development Plan policies and objectives to achieve the sustainable development of communities, the economic repositioning of the County and the promotion of the County's unique cultural and natural heritage.

In providing this leadership role, the Council will foster a collaborative approach with citizens, stakeholders, sectoral interests and adjoining authorities to achieve collective support and successful implementation of the Plan.

The successful implementation of a significant number of the policies and objectives of the Plan will necessitate on-going collaboration and a sense of good-will across a range of agencies and stakeholders. The implementation of the Development Plan will depend also on the economic climate, political support, Kerry County Council funding and the availability of funding from other sources. However, Kerry County Council will exercise all of its legal powers to ensure that the objectives are implemented.

Notwithstanding the statutory requirement to prepare a progress report not more than 2 years after the making of the Plan, the preparation of an annual monitoring and evaluation report would be of value to the Council to facilitate the identification of any issues concerning implementation of the Development Plan, for example, in the interpretation of development plan objectives in the development management process.

## 14.2. Review of the Development Plan

The large number of objectives included in the Development Plan represents a significant challenge for the Council. However many of the Plan's objectives are set within a longer timeframe, of 10 to 20 years, which may not be fully implemented over the lifetime of this County Development Plan.

### The Planning and Development Acts 2000-2014 provides under:-

- Section 15 (1) that it shall be the duty of a Planning Authority to take such steps within its powers as may be necessary for securing the objectives of the Development Plan and
- Section 15 (2) that the Chief Executive of the Planning Authority shall, not more than two years after the making of a Development Plan, give a report to the members of the Planning Authority on the progress achieved in securing the objectives referred to in subsection (1).

### 14.2.1 Priorities for Monitoring

The effectiveness of all policies and objectives in the Plan should be subject to monitoring. Priorities for monitoring must therefore be determined and key information requirements identified, working within the resources available. The initial focus should be on those policies and objectives central to the aims and strategy of the Plan as listed below.



STRATEGY	TARGET	INDICATOR
<b>Core Strategy &amp; Settlement Strategy</b>	Achieve population targets in Core Strategy Table	Number of persons in settlements
	Reduce residential vacancy rate	Percentage of houses vacant
	Reduce number of unfinished housing estates	Number of housing estates classified as unfinished housing estates
	Facilitate the provision of suitable housing for all citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of homeless persons,</li> <li>• Numbers on housing list,</li> <li>• Number of housing units granted planning permission</li> </ul>
<b>Economic &amp; Employment Strategy</b>	Decrease unemployment rate	Number employed and on live register
	Increase levels of employment in key sectors	Numbers in key sectors
	Increase employment levels in Key Towns	Numbers of enterprises in towns
	Promote and support enterprises	Numbers of applications granted for commercial enterprises
<b>Infrastructure Strategy</b>	Commence/complete all priority infrastructure projects	Numbers of projects in Table 7.1 commenced/completed
	Provide safe road network	Fall in number of road accidents
	Increase reuse and recycling rate in the County	Increased rate in the reuse and recycling of waste

STRATEGY	TARGET	INDICATOR
<b>Environment, Heritage &amp; Strategy</b>	Meet River Basin Management Plan objectives	Level of attainment of River Basin Management Plan objectives
	Protect and enhance natural and built heritage	Number of structures enhanced Level of funding provided
<b>Social Infrastructure &amp; Community Development Strategy</b>	Provide/improve social infrastructure	Number of new facilities provided or improved
	Increased social inclusion	Number of new facilities provided to improve quality of life for all disadvantaged individuals or communities

### 14.3. SEA Review and Monitoring

Article 10 of the SEA Directive requires monitoring of the significant environmental effects of the implementation of plans and programmes. The methodology used in the development of the monitoring programme in the SEA for the KCDP 2015-2021 is based on the use of indicators and targets, the assignment of responsibilities and the setting of appropriate time lines for review. Monitoring will focus on aspects of the environment that are likely to be significantly impacted by the Plan. Chapter 9 of the SEA Environmental Report attached to this Plan contains detailed monitoring and review methods proposed as part of the SEA process.

