

Chapter 7: Implementing the Plan

This chapter sets out a detailed monitoring framework to ensure the plan policies are delivered. It sets out:

- what will be delivered by each policy
- targets to monitor progress towards achieving our Strategic Objectives, and
- what action we will take if the policies do not deliver in accordance with the targets.

The implementation of the plan will be reported against the targets through the Authority's Monitoring Report.

Introduction

- 7.1 Monitoring the Local Plan 2031 policies is important to ensure they are effectively being delivered, that they continue to be relevant to the local area, and meet the requirements of national planning policy.
- 7.2 This chapter sets out how we will implement the strategy and includes clear arrangements for the delivery, monitoring and review of the plan and its policies.

Delivery and Contingency

- 7.3 We will continue to work jointly with stakeholders to deliver Local Plan 2031 objectives. This will include partnership working with both public agencies and the private sector and is necessary to ensure development progresses in a manner consistent with the strategy identified in this plan.
- 7.4 To deliver the visions and objectives in this plan, the council will work collaboratively with key partners and stakeholders involved. This includes (and is not limited to) the Local Enterprise Partnership, neighbouring authorities, developers, infrastructure providers, local communities and interest groups and other organisations relating to the 'duty-to-cooperate'.
- 7.5 The Council will publish information at least annually to show progress with Local Plan implementation. ~~The council will IN ITS Authority Monitoring Report. to provide up to date information on the implementation of any neighbourhood plans that have been made, and contribute to decisions whether there is a need to undertake a partial or full review of the Local Plan 2031.~~

7.6 THE COUNCIL HAS INCLUDED A MONITORING FRAMEWORK AT APPENDIX H, WHICH IDENTIFIES HOW THE COUNCIL WILL MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL PLAN FOR EACH POLICY. THE COUNCIL RECOGNISES THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN IF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN IS CLEARLY OFF TRACK.

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7.7 THE COUNCIL IS ALSO AWARE THAT THE PLAN NEEDS TO BE RESILIENT TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND BE FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE IF THE PLAN IS NOT DELIVERING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MONITORING FRAMEWORK. CORE POLICY 47, 'DELIVERY AND CONTINGENCY', SETS OUT THE COUNCIL'S INTENDED APPROACH.

~~7.6 To monitor the effects of the Local Plan 2031, including both its intended and unintended effects and its effectiveness towards meeting the objectives set out in the plan, a monitoring framework has been prepared to accompany this plan. Attached at **Appendix G** is the plan's "Monitoring Framework" setting out how each core policy will be monitored and the indicators that will be used to measure progress and possible actions if targets are not being met.~~

Significant Effect Indicators (identified by the Sustainability Appraisal) will be measured alongside this framework.

7.7 The Local Plan 2031 needs to be resilient to changing circumstances and so we have also included a delivery and contingency policy to explain the steps to be taken if parts of the plan do not deliver in accordance with the targets outlined in the monitoring framework. In particular, if an allocated site does not come forward as expected.

Core Policy 47: Delivery and Contingency

If the Local Plan 2031 policies are not delivered in accordance with the Monitoring Framework set out in **Appendix H**, the contingency measures identified in the monitoring framework will apply.

IF THE AUTHORITY'S MONITORING REPORT SHOWS THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN, EITHER IN PART OR AS A WHOLE, IS NOT TAKING PLACE AS ENVISAGED, THE COUNCIL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS PARTNERS, WILL INVESTIGATE THE REASONS FOR THE SITUATION AND WILL IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE ACTION WHICH MAY INCLUDE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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If the Authority's Monitoring Report shows that allocated development sites and/or development to be brought forward through neighbourhood plans are not coming forward in a timely manner, the council will consider:

- i. seeking alternative sources of funding if a lack of infrastructure is delaying development **OR CAUSING SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS AS A RESULT OF NEW DEVELOPMENT** to bring delivery back on track;
- ii. ~~investigate mechanisms to~~ **SEEKING TO** accelerate delivery on another permitted or allocated sites;
- iii. identifying alternative deliverable sites that are in general accordance with the spatial strategy of the plan through the Local Plan 2031: Part 2 or other appropriate mechanism; ~~if required~~
- iv. ~~through~~ undertaking a partial **OR FULL** review of the Local Plan, **IF INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT ITS STRATEGY, EITHER IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IS NO LONGER APPROPRIATE.**