

WASTE - MONITORING

Key Issue:

Whether there are clear arrangements for managing and monitoring the delivery of the strategy. (PPS 12, Paras 4.1 and 4.47)

1. *Are there likely to be new or amended objectives that will need to be monitored?*

There are to be no new objectives but objectives 2 and 8 are proposed to be slightly amended. However, the proposed amendments are not deemed to warrant any changes to the monitoring targets and these will remain as published.

2. *As a basis for effective monitoring, does the DPD provide sufficient information on sizes, numbers and dates?*

Yes, the Councils believe the monitoring indicators and targets within the Core Strategy are sufficient to effectively monitor the implementation of the policies in annual monitoring reports.

3. *Are all the targets appropriately date specific?*

Yes, the Councils believe dates included in specific targets are appropriate to enable monitoring in the annual monitoring reports.

4. *Are the key targets set out in the body of the DPD and are the monitoring provisions consistent with those targets?*

Yes, the key targets are set out in the DPD and these are reflected in the monitoring indicators and targets.

5. *Is it clear what action will be taken if the targets are not met (many are "monitor only")? Are there (should there be) contingency plans within the strategy that would be triggered if key targets are not met?*

Many of those classed as 'monitor only' are as such because it is not possible to set definitive targets, for example, number of planning applications refused due to insufficient information. Those with more definitive targets are easier to see if the indicators have not been met. Councils would agree to see text added to explain that as part of the AMR process repeated failure to meet a target, or in the case of monitor only targets indicating an ineffective policy, these results would be considered as part of the 5-year review process.

No contingency plans are in place. The key targets are those for the location of sites and reaching the RSS's apportionments. If sufficient proposals do not come through, then an early review of the DPD would be triggered.

6. *How realistic is the target of recycling or composting 80% of MSW by 2010?*

Target is not to recycle and compost 80% of MSW but to reach 80% of the municipal waste strategy or RSS' apportionment by 2010. The County, for example, is already at 93% of its requirement for 2010.

7. *How is the effectiveness of Policy CS12 (Charnwood Forest) to be secured? [CBC]*

Policy CS12 is within the Historic and Natural Environment table and would be monitored under the first two indicators under a 'site/area of importance'. Addition of 'enhancement' with mitigation and compensation in the indicator could assist in making it clearer. In addition the National Forest part of Charnwood Forest has a specific indicator because of the need to record woodland creation in the Forest.

8. *In respect of Policy DC1, what percentage of buildings should incorporate sustainable design principles? [CBC]*

As stated, 75%. This figure was published at the preferred options stage at which no one raised an issue. The figure is considered appropriate given that at all applications will be monitored including change of use applications which may entail no construction and sewage treatment works kiosks. A 100% target is therefore not considered achievable. The figure is there as a guide to judge the efficacy of the policy but also to the appropriateness of the target.

9. *Are the monitoring provisions easy to follow given the grouping of policies and objectives and the wrapping of new sections onto different pages?*

The Councils believe that the grouping of policies is necessary because in some cases an indicator may monitor more than one policy/objective and allows similar indicators and targets to be viewed together. However, the layout may be better if each group was given its own page and the Councils are happy to amend the layout accordingly.

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