

Sunderland City Council Response to Matters, Issues & Questions

Matter 11 - Monitoring and Implementation

1. Monitoring Framework

1.1 Is the Plan clear in indicating how the Plan's policies and proposals will be monitored?

As indicated in the Council's response to the Inspector's Preliminary Questions (EX1.008, para. 76), the Council is prepared to incorporate a modification to include a section within the Implementation chapter which sets out the Council's approach to Monitoring, including cross-references to the standalone CSDP Monitoring Framework (SD.13). A modification has been proposed within the updated Schedule of Main Modifications to reflect this (MM45). It is considered that, subject to the incorporation of this proposed modification, the CSDP is clear in how policies and proposals will be monitored.

1.2 Will the indicators in the Monitoring Framework be effective in monitoring the success of the Plan's policies and proposals?

Wherever possible, the indicators in the CSDP Monitoring Framework (SD.13) are based on data that is already collected for other purposes from various Council services and other reliable sources. The sources of data are listed in the far right-hand column of the Implementation and Monitoring Framework Table (pgs. 2-25). The collection and interpretation of the data set out in the indicators column is realistic and achievable. The indicators are considered specific, measurable and effective in monitoring the success of the Plan's policies and proposals.

2. Review of the Plan

2.1 Is the LP clear as to when a review or partial review of the LP would be triggered due to a failure to meet key targets, for example for those relating to the delivery of housing?

The Implementation and Monitoring Framework Table set out in the CSDP Monitoring Framework (SD.13; pgs. 2-25) includes a 'Trigger for Action' column, which identifies triggers for each CSDP Policy. It also includes a 'Potential Action or Contingency' column which identifies actions which may be needed should the respective triggers be activated. A review of the Plan is identified as a potential action for the majority of CSDP Policies if respective triggers are activated. This approach ensures that appropriate and proportionate triggers and actions can be set for each Policy, including those which would require a partial or full review of the Plan. With reference to the delivery of housing, further explanation is given in the form of a footnote on page 8 to clarify what is considered sustained underperformance, in addition to other triggers that could lead to a Plan review.

The Council's response to the Inspector's Preliminary Questions (EX1.008, para. 77) proposes a modification to include information on key triggers that could lead to a review of the Plan within the CSDP. A modification has been proposed within the updated Schedule of Main Modifications to reflect this (MM45). It is considered that, subject to this modification, the CSDP is clear as to when a review or partial review of the LP would be triggered due to a failure to meet key targets.

3. Supplementary Planning Guidance

3.1 Is the Plan clear on the SPD that will be prepared to provide guidance on the implementation of the Plan?

As indicated in the Council's response to the Inspector's Preliminary Questions (EX1.008, para. 78; pg. 16), a list of current and proposed SPD's has been prepared which sets out their status. A modification has been proposed within the updated Schedule of Additional Modifications to include this within the implementation section of the Plan (AM1). It is considered that, subject to this modification, the Plan is clear on the number and status of SPDs which provide guidance on the implementation of the Plan.

4. Saved Policies

4.1 Is the Plan clear on which UDP policies are to be saved or superseded?

As indicated in the Council's response to the Inspector's Preliminary Questions (EX1.008, para. 79; pg. 16), a modification has been proposed within the updated Schedule of Additional Modifications to include a list of UDP Policies proposed for deletion in Appendix 1 of the CSDP (AM74). The Council has prepared a Saved Policies Review which sets out the Council's justification for either saving or deleting each Policy of the UDP and Alteration No. 2, which has been submitted alongside the Council's response to the MIQs.