

# IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

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## 2.10 Core Strategy Objectives and Indicators

2.10.1 In order to manage and review the Local Development Framework (LDF) policies, it will be necessary to develop a robust set of indicators that will check whether the policies and allocations are being met. Monitoring provides information on the performance of policy, the delivery of development and subsequent impacts upon the environment. The LDF monitoring process will help to ensure that the Council maintains a set of plans and policies that remain sound and relevant to achieving the set objectives.

2.10.2 The Council is required to produce an Annual Monitoring Report for the LDF at the end of each calendar year. This allows the collection of information and analysis regarding the progress/implementation of the LDF to be continuously and transparently maintained. The Government has produced a good practice guide to the monitoring process and the Council has produced a monitoring framework for the LDF based upon this guidance and following types of indicators:

### **Contextual indicators:**

2.10.3 The broad characteristics of the Suffolk Coastal district will be set out through **contextual indicators**. Establishing social, environmental and economic spatial perspectives is vital in achieving sustainable development. These indicators establish an 'area profile' of the district and allow an understanding of the wider context for any locally identified issues. Contextual indicators are also commonly used by other initiatives, for example, the Community Strategy. In particular, the Community Strategy and the LDF will develop a firm relationship to adopt common targets and collect shared indicators where possible and appropriate.

### **Core Output indicators:**

2.10.4 The function of **output Indicators** are to set out quantifiable events that are directly related to, or are a result of, the implementation of the planning policies. It is required for Local Authorities to collect a set of 'Core output Indicators' and these will allow direct and easy comparison between areas.

### **Local Output Indicators:**

2.10.5 **Local output indicators** are related to outputs of policies that are not covered by the Core Indicators above. The collection of local output indicators will be specific to the relevant issues within each Local Authority at the time.

### **Significant Effects Indicators:**

2.10.6 A wide range of indicators covering economic, social and environmental issues is collected as part of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Framework process for the LDF. See the SA Objectives and Indicators in the Sustainability Appraisal report for further information. The objectives will act as a basis against which plans and policies can be assessed and the indicators will be used to collect data as to how well the progress for objectives is being achieved.

2.10.7 Whilst all data will be collected where possible for each indicator, there are large number to report and therefore only the most significant positive or negative effects will be published in the Annual Monitoring Report.