

## CHAPTER 19

### IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

#### 19.1 Introduction

Wicklow County Council is committed to securing the implementation of the strategies, policies and objectives of this plan.

#### 19.2 Implementation

Wicklow County Council will collaborate with relevant agencies and authorities to progress and expedite the implementation of the plan and will retain a development plan team to oversee and progress the implementation of programmes arising out of the plan.

Implementation of the plan will be achieved by:-

- Investment in infrastructure underpinning the development objectives of the plan. In this regard, the 'core strategy' of the plan shall set the priorities for the provision and improvement of infrastructure by both the Local Authority and other agencies, subject to the availability of funding;
- Integrating the strategies, policies and objectives of the plan with lower order plans such as local area plans, town and district plans, action area plans and master plans. Following the adoption of this County Development Plan, a programme of review of local plans will be commenced;
- Application of the objectives and standards of this plan in both Local Authority development but also in the assessment of all applications for development consent.
- Ongoing monitoring of the strategies, policies and objectives of the plan and identifying any needs for adjustment of objectives over the lifetime of the plan and in future reviews

#### 19.3 Monitoring

##### Plan objectives

As far as practicable, every effort has been made to craft objectives that are specific, measurable, achievable and realistic. All of the objectives of the plan have been written with the specific aim of fulfilling the 'Core Strategy' of the plan and its associated 10 'Strategic Goals' as well as the 15 environmental objectives as set out in the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

##### Performance indicators

The measurement of the success of the implementation of the 'core strategy' and the associated 10 'strategic goals' of the plan will be a complex process, as a wide number of actions will be required to secure each goal. Table 19.1 at the end of this chapter set out the major performance indicators under each goal. As planning now requires to be 'evidence based', performance indicators will be based on known sources of data, such as the Census (a Census will be carried out in 2011 with results available in 2012, around the same time as the 2 year review).

The progress on achieving the environmental goals as set out in the Strategic Environmental Assessment will be monitored as set out in Section 10 of the Strategic Environmental Assessment 'Monitoring Measures'

## Statutory 2 year review

The development plan will be reviewed after 2 years and a progress report will be prepared on the achievements in securing the objectives of the plan.

## 19.4 Collaboration & engagement

The implementation of this plan requires the cooperation and participation of all stakeholders and Wicklow County Council will undertake a leadership role to progress and secure the implementation of the plan. In providing leadership role, the Council will aim to foster a collaborative approach with citizens, communities, stakeholders, sectoral interests, partners, Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies and adjoining authorities to achieve collective support and successful implementation of the plan.

Strategic Goal	Performance Indicators
<b>To implement the overarching guidance offered by the National Spatial Strategy 2002 – 2020, the National Development Plan 2007 – 2013, the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2004 – 2016, and manage the spatial organisation of the County in an efficient sustainable manner.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Population growth in the County is channelled into the appropriate growth settlements in accordance with Plan</li> <li>▪ Reduction in proportion of County population resident in unserved rural areas</li> </ul>
<b>To facilitate and encourage the growth of employment, enterprise and economic activity in the County, across all economic sectors and in all areas.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Family income</li> <li>▪ Unemployment rate</li> <li>▪ Take up of new employment land</li> <li>▪ Increase in rates base reflecting growth in commercial properties</li> <li>▪ Diversification in employment sectors</li> </ul>
<b>To integrate land use planning with transportation planning, with the dual aim of reducing the distance that people need to travel to work, shops, schools and places of recreation and social interaction, and facilitating the delivery of improved public transport.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduction in commuting distance and time to work and school</li> <li>▪ Increase in use of public transport services</li> </ul>
<b>To enhance existing housing areas and to provide for high quality new housing, at appropriate locations and to ensure the development of a range of house types, sizes and tenures in order to meet the differing needs of all in society and to promote balanced communities.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of new houses provided in each settlement and rural area</li> <li>▪ Number of areas / houses refurbished in the Local Authority housing stock</li> <li>▪ Quality of new housing with regard to design, proximity to services, energy efficiency, green amenity</li> <li>▪ Range of house types and size provided</li> </ul>
<b>To maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of settlements, to ensure that towns and villages remain at the heart of the community and provide a wide range of retail, employment, social, recreational and infrastructural facilities.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Population growth in settlements</li> <li>▪ New retail and employment provision in settlements</li> <li>▪ Reduction in vacant or derelict premises or sites</li> <li>▪ Increase in engineering and social infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>To protect and enhance the County's rural assets and recognise the housing, employment, social and recreational needs of those in rural areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environmental quality data (EPA / WCC)</li> <li>▪ Reduction in travel distance to work / school</li> <li>▪ Diversification in farming and generation from the land of alternative income from farming</li> </ul>

Strategic Goal	Performance Indicators
<p>To protect and improve the County's transport, water, waste, energy and communications infrastructure, whilst having regard to our responsibilities to respect areas protected for their important flora, fauna or other natural features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Delivery of key infrastructural requirements as identified in Section C of the plan</li> <li>▪ Overall quantum of new infrastructure delivered</li> <li>▪ Growth in broadband coverage in the County</li> <li>▪ Number of alternative energy projects delivered</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p>To promote and facilitate the development of sustainable communities through land use planning, by providing for land uses capable of accommodating community, leisure, recreational and cultural facilities, accessible to and meeting the needs of all individuals and local community groups, in tandem with the delivery of residential and physical infrastructure in order to create a quality built environment in which to live.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Take up of community / education / institutionally zoned land</li> <li>▪ Number of new educational / childcare facilities provided</li> <li>▪ Number of new leisure / recreational facilities provided</li> <li>▪ Number of social infrastructure audits carried out as part of development proposals and number of projects delivered by private developers through this and the action area / master planning process</li> <li>▪ Number of houses in the County more than 1km from community 'hub'</li> </ul>
<p>To protect and enhance the diversity of the County's natural and built heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improvement in water quality</li> <li>▪ Maintenance of extent and quality of protected habitats</li> <li>▪ Number of protected structures lost or damaged</li> <li>▪ Number of protected structures rescued and revitalised</li> <li>▪ Access to heritage sites</li> </ul>
<p>To address the climate change challenge, as a plan dynamic, throughout the County Plan, directly in the areas of flooding and renewable energy, and indirectly by integrating climate change and sustainable development into statements of plan policy, strategies and objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase / decrease in energy efficiency, (if statistics available)</li> <li>▪ Expansion of renewable energy generating sector</li> <li>▪ Occurrence of flood damage</li> </ul>