

13 IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS

- 13.1 This chapter deals with the way in which the proposals put forward in this Local Plan can be put into effect and how progress with the implementation of the Plan will be monitored.

Resources

- 13.2 The availability of public sector finance is important because many proposals in this Plan will be dependent upon public sector expenditure. However, increasing financial stringency has resulted in a significant cut in public expenditure over recent years and it is likely that this situation will continue. Therefore to some degree implementation is dependent upon the resources and priorities pertaining at the time.

- 13.3 The key responsibilities of the local authorities are as follows:

- (a) Hampshire County Council - schools, roads, public transport initiatives, social services, libraries, police, fire, recreation, heritage and some major open spaces.
- (b) Eastleigh Borough Council – securing and grant aiding affordable housing, car parking, cycleways, recreation, local open spaces, community facilities, waste collection and recycling and environmental improvements.
- (c) Parish Councils - open spaces, village halls, cemeteries, seating and some community facilities.

- 13.4 The Council published a background paper in October 2003, entitled, “Planning Obligations and the Use of Developers’ Contributions”.

Action

- 13.5 Successful implementation of the Plan’s proposals will depend on the co-ordination of the efforts of the public and private sectors.
- 13.6 The County Council will be required to implement many of the transportation proposals, while the Borough Council will be responsible for many of the proposed environmental improvements, for example by using the resources of the Itchen-Hamble Countryside Project. Table A on the following pages lists the proposals and identifies the responsible agencies and provides an indication of the timing.

Monitoring and Targets

- 13.7 The Local Plan contains policies and proposals to guide the development and use of land in pursuance of the Council’s objective of

improving the quality of life of all local people. In order to provide a measure against which progress towards achieving the Council's objective can be measured, a number of targets associated with the implementation of the Plan have been established. These are set out in Table A following. It is recognised that many of these targets and forecasts are outside the Council's control and that they will have to change as a consequence of external influences and the decisions of the private sector. Monitoring will enable the Council to identify these changes and to address the consequences for other policies and proposals in the Plan.

- 13.8 The policies in the Local Plan are intended to apply throughout the plan period on an ongoing basis. Many do not have a specific target which can be defined, but the achievement of the Plan's objectives will rely on the success of these policies. The monitoring of policy objectives will be undertaken in the context of a range of socio-economic indicators including the state of the economy, employment and unemployment trends, income levels, house prices and demographic change. Monitoring by the Council of sustainability, biodiversity and nature conservation indicators will also inform the monitoring of the local plan. Policy objectives will then be reviewed in the light of development trends and pressures and having regard to any changes in Government policy and strategic planning guidance to ensure that the Plan remains relevant and effective. The Council therefore intends to monitor the impact and effectiveness of the policies in the Plan, as set out in Table B following.
- 13.9 The anticipated supply of housing is set out in the tables in Chapter 5. The Council will undertake regular monitoring of housing delivery and will be proactive where necessary to encourage the timely development of sufficient housing to meet the requirements set out in Chapter 5.
- 13.10 The Council publishes an annual monitoring report on planning policy issues. From 2006 it will:
- monitor progress towards achieving the implementation targets for the Local Plan's proposals set out in Table A.
 - monitor aspects of the impact, effectiveness and relevance of the Local Plan's policies as set out in Table B.
 - monitor socio-economic trends and identify matters requiring review or updating as a result of changing circumstances.
 - monitor the performance generally of the Council's Planning Policy and Design Unit.
 - review the monitoring of sustainability, biodiversity and nature conservation indicators and their implications for the local plan.