

7. Monitoring

- 7.1 Review and monitoring is an important aspect of evidence based policy making and it is a key factor of the “plan, monitor and manage” approach to the new planning system. An important aspect of the new system is the flexibility to update components of the LDF and respond quickly to changing priorities in the district. Monitoring will play a critical part in identifying any review of the North Plymstock AAP that may be required.
- 7.2 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) every year and this will be the main mechanism for assessing the AAP’s performance and effects. It must be based on the period 1 April to 31 March and be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than the end of the following December. AMRs are required to assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme, and the extent to which policies in local development documents are being successfully implemented.
- 7.3 The Council will measure the performance of this AAP against the targets, objectives and related policies set out in this document. It will also undertake more general monitoring for the city and its sub-region as a whole to assess the extent that the LDF spatial strategy is being delivered, remains appropriate and is sustainable. The AMR will identify potential measures that need to be taken to rectify any issues raised through monitoring. This will potentially include the need to review parts or all of any particular local development document.

