



15.1 Introduction

The implementation and delivery of the County Development Plan is a key objective of the Planning Authority. The establishment of a performance management system is important to better understand whether, and to what extent, the Policy Objectives of the County Development Plan are being realised. The DLR County Development Plan introduces, for the first time, a more formalised approach to Plan implementation, monitoring and evaluation, which provides a framework for measuring the outcomes of the Policy Objectives of the Plan. The framework seeks to move beyond assessment of the planning system from a primarily procedural and administrative perspective (no. of planning applications / units permitted etc.) to a richer form of planning performance which incorporates planning outcome monitoring and evaluation across a broad range of policies. It is acknowledged that Policy Objectives often take a

number of Plan cycles to be fully realised and as such the framework provides a first step towards assessing the value and quality of planning outcomes which will continue though successive County Development Plans.

15.2 Implementation and Monitoring

The implementation and monitoring framework for the Plan is set out in Section 15.5 below. The framework is anchored to the Vision for the County Development Plan (see Section 1.7) and the Strategic County Outcomes which underpin its delivery (see Figure 15.1). The County Development Plan Vision and Strategic County Outcomes are themselves broadly aligned with the Regional Strategic Outcomes of the RSES, the National Strategic Outcomes of the NPF, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



Figure 15.1: County Development Plan - Strategic County Outcomes

The implementation and monitoring framework categorises key Policy Objectives in terms of their contribution towards the achievement of the Strategic County Outcomes. Many of the Policy Objectives are multi-faceted and as such contribute to the achievement of multiple Strategic County Outcomes, which themselves are interrelated. Policy Objectives are assessed in terms of means of implementation and also key performance indicators to monitor/evaluate the delivery of the Policy Objective.

It is noted that the intention of Policy Objectives are wide-ranging and as such the implementation and monitoring framework does not comprise a comprehensive list of all policies. While every effort has been made to formulate Policy Objectives in the Plan that are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Assignable, Realistic and Time-Related) it is acknowledged that not all Policy Objectives may be measured in easily identifiable quantitative values. Many Policy Objectives relate to development management processes which may be implemented through established internal processes and procedures. Other Policy Objectives may relate to criteria which are considered as part of multifaceted decision-making processes which require the balancing of a range of Policy Objectives against particular site-specific circumstances. In addition, it is noted that many Policy Objectives are intended to facilitate and support an intended outcome, rather than act as a direct means of delivering the outcome. In this regard, implementation of the Policy Objectives of the County Development Plan, and the delivery of desired planning outcomes, may be subject to a range of external factors, most notably wider economic circumstances and availability of resources. Notwithstanding these limitations, the implementation and monitoring framework seeks to align, where possible, the right indicators that appropriately reflect and measure whether a Policy Objective is being achieved. The Key Performance Indicators set out in the implementation and monitoring framework in Section 15.5 are not intended to comprise an exhaustive list and additional data / information – both quantitative and qualitative - may be incorporated for analysis purposes, as appropriate.

15.3 Plan Evaluation and Reporting

The implementation and monitoring framework is intended to function as a formal feedback loop with the evaluation and reporting processes intended to comprise a key input into the formulation and refinement of future planning policy. In this manner, the framework is intended to serve as an important evidence-based input and integrate with the review process of subsequent County Development Plans. In terms of its formal evaluation role, the framework is intended to assist the Planning Authority in meeting its statutory reporting requirements including:

- The 2 Year Progress Report of the County Development Plan (as required under Section 15(2) of The Act).
- Report to the Regional Assembly setting out progress made in supporting objectives of the RSES (as required under Section 25A(1) of The Act).

15.4 Environmental Monitoring

Article 10 of the SEA Directive requires monitoring of the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the County Development Plan in order to identify, at an early stage, unforeseen adverse effects and to enable appropriate remedial action to be undertaken. While the monitoring framework set out below incorporates some monitoring of environment related objectives, the full and comprehensive monitoring and evaluation assessment, required to be undertaken under Article 10 of the SEA Directive, is set out in the Strategic Environmental Assessment that accompanies the County Development Plan.

IME1: SEA Monitoring

It is a Policy Objective to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the County Development Plan through the monitoring measures and reporting requirements set out in Section 10 of the SEA Environmental Report for the County Development Plan.



15.5 Implementation and Monitoring Framework

15.5.1 Introduction, Vision and Context

		Strategic County Outcomes					Monitoring and Evaluation
Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
RSES1- Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy	s	J.	√	1	J	Consistency with the RSES Regional Policy Objectives.	Prepare a Report setting out progress made in supporting the objectives of the RSES - in accordance with Section 25A(1) of The Act. Data sources: Various.
MASP1- Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan	J	J	√	√	V	Consistency with the Dublin MASP.	Prepare a Report setting out progress made in supporting the objectives of the Dublin MASP - in accordance with Section 25A(1) of The Act. Data sources: Various.

15.5.2 Core Strategy

		Strategi	c County O	utcomes			Monitoring and Evaluation
Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	nd County and Froncey	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)		
CS1 – Housing Need Demand Assessment			√	√ .		Review the HNDA 2022-2028.	Review the DLR HNDA 2022-2028 subsequent to the preparation of a Regional HNDA.
CS2 – Core Strategy	J.	1	1	1	1	Development management.	New dwelling completions. Data source: CSO.
CS3 – Supply of Zoned Land		√	1		1	N/A	New dwelling completions. Data source: CSO.
CS5 – Strategic Land Reserve		1	✓			Development management and LAP plan-making.	Assessment through development management functions and LAP provisions.
CS6 – Lands for Employment Use		1	1		1	Spatial analysis.	Land availability study of employment zoned lands. Data source: Various.
CS7 – Strategic Employment Locations		1	√		√	Development management.	Quantum of employment development in strategic employment locations. Data source: Planning data (APAS).
CS8 – Ecosystem Services Approach	s		√			Plan-making.	Application and specific recognition in LAPs identified as part of the LAP plan-making programme.

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
CS9 - Strategic Development Zone		√	1			Development management.	Progress with regards the implementation of the SDZ Scheme.
CS10 – Local Area Plans	√	√	V	1	s	LAP preparation.	Preparation of an annual report setting out progress of the LAP programme.
CS11 – Compact Growth	√	√	√	√	s	Development management.	Percentage of residential development within or contiguous to Dublin City and Suburbs. Data source: GeoDirectory.
CS12 - Brownfield and Infill Sites	1	1	1			Undertake an audit of potential strategic brownfield and infill sites in DLR.	Establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites. Data sources: Various.
CS13 – Strategic Regeneration	s	√	√			Development management.	Development at identified strategic regeneration sites. Data source: Planning data (APAS).
CS14 - Vacancy and Regeneration	1	√	1			Development management.	Vacancy rates of existing properties. Data source: GeoDirectory.
CS15 - Vacant Site Levy	V	√	√			Implementation of the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.	Number of sites added to the Vacant Sites Register / Number of sites removed from the Register and brought forward for development. Data source: DLR Vacant Sites Register.
CS17 – Monitoring and Evaluation	s	√	√	V	s	Plan monitoring and evaluation.	Prepare a 2 Year Progress Report of the County Development Plan. Prepare a Report on achieving the objectives of the RSES. Data sources: Various.

15.5.3 Climate Action

		Strategi	c County O	utcomes			Monitoring and Evaluation
Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
CA2: Regional Climate Action	s		s	√		Consistency with the RSES Regional Policy Objectives relating to climate.	Prepare a Report setting out progress made in supporting the objectives of the RSES - in accordance with Section 25A(1) of The Act. Data sources: Various.
CA4: DLR Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024	J		√	J		Implementation of the Action Plan through a 'whole-of-Council' approach led by the DLR Climate Team.	Annual monitoring and updating of the DLR Climate Change Action Plan with a review and revision every five years. Data sources: Various.
CA11: Onshore and Offshore Wind Energy and Wave Energy	1		1			Development management.	Number of planning applications for wind and wave energy projects. Data source: Planning data (APAS).
CA13: Solar Energy Infrastructure	1		1			Development management.	Number of planning applications for strategic solar energy infrastructure. Data source: Planning data (APAS).
CA15: District Heating	1		1			Policy-making.	Preparation of a Council- wide District Heat policy for the County.
CA17: Electric Vehicles	1		1			Development management and operational works.	Increase in the number of electric powered vehicle recharging parking bays across the County. Data source: Various.

15.5.4 Neighbourhood – People, Homes and Place

		Strategi	c County O	utcomes			Monitoring and Evaluation
Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
PHP2: Sustainable Neighbourhood Infrastructure		√	V	√		Development management (including Section 48 Scheme), Council works and plan/policy- making.	Preparation of a DLR Community Strategy which will include an audit.
PHP3: Planning for Sustainable Communities		√	V	√		Development management (including Section 48 Scheme), Council works and plan/policy- making.	Preparation of a DLR Community Strategy. Integration of SNI provision as part of the LAP plan-making process.
PHP5: Community Facilities		√	1	1		Audit and assessment / Development management.	Preparation of a DLR Community Strategy which will include an audit.

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
PHP28: Build-to- Rent and Shared Accommodation / Co-living Developments		✓	✓		1	Development management.	Number and location of Build to Rent and Shared Accommodation / co- living schemes. Data source: Planning data (APAS)
PHP29: Provision of Student Accommodation			✓			Development management.	Number and location of student accommodation schemes. Data source: Planning data (APAS)
PHP31: Provision of Social Housing			1	1		Provision and facilitation of social housing.	DLR Social Housing Progress Report.
PHP33: Traveller Accommodation			1	1		Operational works.	Progress with regards the implementation of the DLR Traveller Accommodation Programme.
PHP43: Design in Local Area Plans			1			Plan-making.	Inclusion of local design- based frameworks as part of the LAP plan-making process.

15.5.5 Transport and Mobility

		Strategi	c County O	utcomes			Monitoring and Evaluation
Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
T1: Integration of Land Use and Transport Policies	√	1	1	1	1	Plan-making and development management.	Spatial analysis - location of permitted residential development and proximity to sustainable modes of transport. Data source: Housing TaskForce.
T3: Delivery of Enabling Transport Infrastructure	V	√	J	J	√	Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders.	Progress with regard to the delivery of enabling transport infrastructure projects identified in Appendix 1 'Tiered Approach to Land Zoning-Infrastructure Assessment'.
T4: Development of Sustainable Travel and Transport	✓	s	√	√	s	Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders, plan-making and development management.	Change in transport modal share for travel to work, school and college. Data source: Census. Walking mode share target - 15% Cycle mode share target - 20% Other micromobility mode share target - 5% Public transport mode share target - 30%
T6: Quality Bus Network/Bus Connects	1	1	√	1	1	Continued co-ordination with relevant stakeholders including the NTA.	Progress with regard to improvements in bus infrastructure serving the County.

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
T7: Public Transport Interchanges	√	/	V			Co-ordination, plan-making and development management.	Progress with regards to the development of public transport interchanges identified in Table 5.1 in Chapter 5.
T9: Luas Extension and MetroLink	1	✓	√	J	1	Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders and development management.	Development permitted within the provisional alignment of Luas Line B2 as detailed on Map Nos. 10 and 14. Data source: Planning data (APAS).
T10: Rail Stations/ Luas Stops	1	1	1			Co-ordination, plan-making and development management.	Number of new rail stations/Luas stops opened in the County.
T11: Walking and Cycling	V	V	√	V		Plan-making, development management and operational works.	Change in modal share for travel to work, school or college on foot or by bicycle. Analysis of Inclusivity in cycling. Data sources: Census DLR Cycle Counter statistics.
T13: County Cycle Network	✓	√	✓	✓		Operational works and development management.	Improvements to the DLR County Cycle Network and progress with regards pedestrian/cycle footbridges over the M50/M11 (see Table 5.2).
T14: Coastal Cycling Infrastructure Objective	√	√	V	J		Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders including adjoining Local Authorities and the NTA.	Progress with regards to the development of the Dublin Bay Trail.
T17: Travel Plans	√	√	1	√	√	Development management.	Change in modal share for travel to work, school or college on foot or by bicycle. Data source: Census.
T21: Park and Ride		1	1			Development management.	Provision of new park and ride facilities.
T23: Roads and Streets	✓	√	✓			Co-ordination, development management and delivery (as applicable).	Progress with regards the delivery of the 6 Year Roads objectives identified in Table 5.3.
T24: Motorway and National Routes		√			√	Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders.	Progress with regard to improvements to the County's motorway and national road network.
T25: Environmental Assessment of New Roads		✓				Assessment process.	Environmental assessment of new roads, as appropriate.
T35: Section 48 and 49 Levies	√	1	1	V	1	Administrative and Planning function.	Preparation of new Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme.

15.5.6 Enterprise and Employment

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
E1 – Local Economic Community Plan			✓	1	V	Plan-making.	Preparation of a new DLR Local Economic Community Plan.
E2: Knowledge Economy			1		1	Development management and LECP.	Increase in the number of IDA supported companies in the County. ¹
E3: Cultural and Creative Industries			√		1	Development management and the LECP (see LECP Objectives 1 and 9).	Data source: IDA Ireland. Monitoring and review of the actions set out in the DLR LECP. Data sources: Various.
E5: Education and Skills						Development management and	Educational attainment of DLR residents.
			✓	√	✓	the LECP.	Data source: Census. Monitoring and review of the actions set out in the DLR LECP.
E6: Tackling Unemployment			√	√	J	Development management and the LECP.	DLR unemployment rate. Data source: Census. Monitoring and review of the actions set out in the DLR LECP.
E8: Sandyford Business District		1	√		1	Development management.	Progress in delivery of the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan.
E10: Office Development		1	√		1	Development Management.	Review of significant office development at strategic employment locations, Major Town Centres and District Centres.
							Data source: Planning data (APAS).
E15: Securing Employment Growth			√		√	Development Management.	Quantum of non- employment development permitted in employment zoned lands.
							Data source: Planning data (APAS).
E16: Home Working / E-Working	1		√	√	√	Development Management.	Number of persons working mainly at or from home. Data source: Census.
E17: Tourism and Recreation			✓	√	√	Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders and implementation of the DLR Tourism Strategy.	Monitoring and evaluation of the DLR Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2017-2022.
E18: Maritime Economy			√		1	Development management and the LECP (see Objective 3).	Monitoring and review of the actions set out in the DLR LECP.

¹ It is acknowledged that IDA supported companies only comprise a part of the knowledge economy present in DLR. The IDA data-set does, however, provide a reliable source for comparative analysis purposes under the Knowledge Economy 'umbrella' and is available at County level.

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
RET2: Retail Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area			1	1	1	Co-ordination and support.	Support the preparation of a new Retail Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area.
RET5: Major Town Centres		√	1	1	s	Development management and plan-making.	Preparation of Local Area Plans for the two Major Town Centres in the County – Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum.
RET6: District Centres		√	1	1	1	Development management.	Review of specific objectives identified for each District Centre (see Section 7.5.3.1).
RET12: Retail Warehousing			✓		1	Development management.	Planning permission granted for new retail warehousing. Data source: Planning data (APAS).

15.5.8 Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
GIB1: Green Infrastructure Strategy	1	√	1	1		Ongoing implementation of works and plan/ strategy making.	Update the DLR Green Infrastructure Strategy during the lifetime of the Plan.
GIB3: Seascape	1		1	1		Appraisal and assessment.	Preparation of a Seascape Assessment for coastal parts of the County.
GIB5: Historic Landscape Character Areas	1		1	1		Development management and plan-making.	Integration, as appropriate, the findings of the HLCA's to the LAP plan-making process.
GIB8: Coastline Parks and Harbours			1	1		Operational works.	Progress with regards the upgrade of coastline parks and harbours.
GIB9: Beaches and Bathing Areas			J	J		Management and maintenance / On-going identification of bathing areas / DLR Tourism Strategy.	Number of bathing areas and 'identified bathing areas'.
GIB10: Dublin Bay Biosphere	1		1	√		Plan/strategy making.	Preparation of an Education Strategy and subsequent implementation of same.
GIB17: Trails, Hiking and Walking Routes		√	1	1		Promotion and co-ordination. LECP and DLR Tourism Strategy.	Increase in the number of trails, hiking and walking routes.

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GIB20: Biodiversity Plan	1		1	1		Plan-making and delivery of actions.	Preparation of a new DLR Biodiversity Action Plan.
GIB23: County-Wide Ecological Network	J		V	√		Development management and plan-making.	Integration, as appropriate, of the Ecological Network, including Wildlife Corridors, at a local level through the LAP planmaking process.
GIB25: Hedgerows	1		1	1		Survey work and report preparation.	Preparation of a new DLR Hedgerow Survey Report.
GIB28: Invasive Species			V	J		Plan-making.	Preparation of a DLR 'Invasive Alien Species Action Plan'.
GIB29: Nature Based Solutions	√		√	1		Development management and preparation of guidelines.	Preparation of guidelines for the implementation of 'Nature Based Solutions'.

15.5.9 Open Space, Parks and Recreation

		Strategi	c County O	utcomes		Monitoring and Evaluation	
Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
OSR1: Open Space Strategy			1	1		Plan/strategy preparation.	Review the DLR Open Space Strategy 2012-2015.
OSR3: Future Improvements			1	1		Plan-making and operational works.	Progress with regards the Parks Master Plan Programme.
OSR4: Public Open Space Standards			s	✓		Development management and plan-making.	Identification of the preferred locations for larger open spaces at LAP plan-making stage for new residential communities. Collection and use of section 48 contributions.
OSR7: Trees, Woodland and Forestry	√		1	1		Plan/strategy preparation.	Preparation of a new DLR Trees Strategy. Preparation of a decision-making procedure for 'Tree Preservation Orders'.
OSR8: Greenways and Blueways Network	1	1	1	1		Operational works.	Progress with regard the development of the greenways and blueways network.

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
EI1: Sustainable Management of Water	V		V	V		Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders including Irish Water, plan- making and operational works.	Delivery of strategic water and wastewater infrastructure as identified in Appendix 1.
EI2: Irish Water Enabling Policies	V		V	V		Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders including Irish Water, plan- making and operational works.	Delivery of strategic water and wastewater infrastructure as identified in Appendix 1.
EI11: Resource Management	s		√	s		Implementation of the Actions set out in the 'Resource Management' section of the DLR Climate Change Action Plan.	Annual monitoring of the DLR Climate Change Action Plan with a review and revision every five years.
El14: Air and Noise Pollution			J	s		Development management and co-ordination with relevant stakeholders including the EPA.	Air Quality Measurements. Preparation of an annual report by DLR on delivery of the objectives of the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023. Source: DLR and EPA
EI16: Water Pollution	J		J	J		Operational works and co-ordination with relevant stakeholders including Irish Water, the EPA and Inland Fisheries Board.	Improve status of water bodies identified in the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018 – 2021 and all updates thereof. Bathing water quality checks. Data source: water sampling.

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Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
EI18: Energy Facilities	1		✓			Development management.	Planning permission for strategic energy infrastructure. Data source: Planning data (APAS).
EI20: Telecommunications Infrastructure		√	√	1		Development management.	Number and percentage of households with access to broadband. Data source: Census.
EI21: Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM)	1		/	s		Co-ordination with relevant stakeholders including the OPW.	Progression of the flood relief schemes approved in the ten-year Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures.
EI22: Flood Risk Management	1		1	1		Development management and plan-making.	Inclusion of a SFRA in the preparation of all LAPs.
EI24: Coastal Defence	1		1	1		Operational works.	Progression of measures identified in the Coastal Defence Strategy 2010.

15.5.11 Heritage

		Strategi	c County O	utcomes		Monitoring and Evaluation	
Policy Objective	Climate Resilience	Compact and Connected	Liveable County	Inclusive and Healthy	Vibrant Economy	Implementation	(Key Performance Indicator / Data Source)
HER1: Protection of Archaeological Heritage			1			Development Management	Referral of planning applications which are in, or might affect, sites and features of archaeological interest, to the Minister through the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and to the Heritage Council.
HER7: Record of Protected Structures			√			Review and update.	Review and update, as necessary, the RPS subsequent to any Ministerial Direction or other recommendations.
HER8: Work to Protected Structures			✓			Development management.	Referral of planning applications relating to Protected Structures to the DLR Conservation Officer and relevant prescribed bodies.
HER12: National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH)			1			Review and update.	Review and update, as necessary, the RPS subsequent to any Ministerial recommendations following publication of the full NIAH for the County.
HER13: Architectural Conservation Areas			✓			Development management.	Referral of planning applications within or adjoining an ACA to the DLR Conservation Officer and relevant prescribed bodies.
HER17: Candidate Architectural Conservation Areas			√			Assessment.	Increase in the number of designated Architectural Conservation Areas in DLR.
HER25: Heritage Plan			✓	√		Plan-making and implementation.	Preparation of the third DLR County Heritage Plan 2021-2025.