

Chapter 12 Monitoring

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A drawing of London city with buildings and trees.

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A The implementation of the London Plan will be kept under review using, in particular, the Key Performance Indicators set out in Table 12.1 and the Annual Monitoring Report.

12.1.1 It is important to have a succinct set of **Key Performance Indicators** (KPIs) and measures against which to monitor the successful implementation of this Plan’s policies. The KPIs support key Mayoral commitments and priorities in a structured way. They seek to assess yearly progress and to build meaningful time series. The measure for each indicator shows the direction and scale of change that the London Plan policies are seeking to achieve. They do not themselves represent additional policy.

12.1.2 Performance against the KPIs will be reported in the statutory **Annual Monitoring Report** (AMR) to be published by the Mayor each Spring. The KPI figures will be accompanied by commentary that may also include additional corresponding performance figures. The AMR will also monitor a range of other data that is relevant to understanding the implementation of the Plan in the wider context, and to inform future reviews of the Plan.

Table 12.1 - Key Performance Indicators and Measures

Table 12.1 lists the key performance indicators and measures that will form part of the annual monitoring report used to monitor the implementation of the London Plan

Theme	KPI	Measure
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Housing	Supply of new homes	Increase in the supply of new homes over the period (monitored against housing completions and the net pipeline of approved homes), towards meeting the 66,000 net additional homes needed each year up to March 2029.
Housing	Supply of affordable homes	Positive trend in percentage of planning approvals for housing that are affordable housing (based on a rolling average).
Economy	Supply of office capacity	Pipeline of planning permissions for office floorspace is at least three times the average office floorspace construction started over the previous three years.
Economy	Provision of affordable workspace	Positive trend in affordable B1 workspace as a share of total B1 floorspace in planning approvals (based on a rolling average).
Economy	Availability of industrial land	No overall net loss of industrial and warehousing floorspace in London (B1c, B2 and B8) in designated industrial locations (based on a rolling average).
Environment	Protection of Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land	Harm to the Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land prevented through the referred application process.
Environment	Carbon emissions through new development	Average on-site carbon emission reductions of at least 35% compared to Building Regulations 2013 for approved referable development applications.
Transport	Modal share	Increasing mode share for walking, cycling and public transport (excluding taxis) towards the target of 80% by 2041.
Health	Londoners engaging in active travel	Positive trend in provision of cycle parking (based on a rolling average) to support the target of all Londoners doing two ten-minute periods of active travel a day by 2041.
Air quality	Air quality	Positive trend in approved referable development applications demonstrating that they meet at least air quality neutral standard for emissions (based on a rolling average).
Heritage	Impact of development on London's heritage	Positive trend in the reduction of harm and/or an increase in benefits to designated heritage assets in approved referable development applications (based on a rolling average).
Culture	Provision of cultural infrastructure	No net loss of culture venues and facilities* (based on a rolling average).

* Suggested to include: A4 use (public houses), D1 use (museums, public libraries, public halls, exhibition halls), D2 use (cinemas, concert halls, bingo halls, dance halls, other areas for indoor and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms), Sui Generis (theatres, nightclubs, casinos).

12.1.3 The **Good Growth** objectives in [Chapter 1](#) set out the Mayor's vision for the capital: London should be socially and economically inclusive and environmentally sustainable. The topic and spatially-specific policies of the Plan contribute to the delivery of the Good Growth objectives. They will be monitored through a combination of these KPIs and other performance measures, which will be set out in the AMR.

12.1.4 A comprehensive set of **complementary and more detailed data** and performance measures will sit alongside the KPIs in the AMR. Some of the KPIs from the previous Plan will be included and those time series therefore retained. Some policy areas are not covered by KPIs, but measuring trends for those areas covered by

the Plan – including key planning-related social, economic and environmental issues - is important. Additional measures to be included in the AMR will be explored over time and this will be informed by engagement with relevant stakeholders in the process.

12.1.5 A new set of indicators measuring the **performance of referable planning applications** in terms of compliance with important policy issues is also being investigated. This could include for example if a design review has been carried out. The performance of referable schemes represents the most direct measure of the performance of the Plan.

12.1.6 The **AMR is not the only tool** to monitor London’s performance. It is complemented by the monitoring arrangements for the other Mayoral Strategies and other thematic reports including, for example, the Energy Monitoring Report and TfL’s Travel in London Report. Their indicators do not need to be duplicated in the AMR.

12.1.7 However, AMRs will include commentary on some **contextual indicators** that are influenced largely by factors outside the planning system. This includes, for example, outcomes that are measured via other Mayoral Strategies, but which provide a better contextual understanding of potential effects of the policies of the Plan. All quantitative measures mentioned in this Plan will be referenced in the AMR.

12.1.8 For specific geographies such as Opportunity Areas ([Policy SD1](#)) and Strategic Areas for Regeneration ([Policy SD10](#)), tailored monitoring and investigations will be carried out to inform the implementation of the area-specific policy objectives.

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