



CHAPTER 11

IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING





11. Implementation and Monitoring

11.1 Introduction

The Dundalk Local Area Plan sets out the Council's strategy and vision for Dundalk at a local level. The successful implementation of this Plan is dependent on collaboration and an effective partnership between the Council, government departments and agencies, and the private sector in achieving the vision for Dundalk.

The Council is committed to monitoring the progress of this Plan and it is a key objective of this Plan to conduct effective monitoring and evaluation of the policy objectives contained within.

11.2 Data Sources

The preparation of this Plan utilised information from a variety of sources to produce an evidence-based policy document. Data from the Central Statistics Office, Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and publications for other statutory and non-statutory authorities will be used to monitor and review the implementation of this Plan.

These data sources can be monitored through regular updates, reports, and publications provided by the relevant authorities. The County Council, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Central Statistics Office, and other relevant agencies are responsible for collecting, analysing, and disseminating this data. Regular reviews and assessments of the data can help track progress, identify trends, and inform future investment decisions and infrastructure requirements in Dundalk.

11.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring procedures are being developed in line with the Louth County Development Plan. The Planning Department will be the lead section for the implementation and monitoring of this plan, primarily through the application of the development management process. The Plan will be used by each directorate to guide decision making and investment throughout the Dundalk area.

11.4 Policy Objective

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A Progress Report, the structure of which shall be based on that set out in the 'Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DHLGH, 2022) for the monitoring and implementation of Developments (as relevant to Local Area Plans), shall be prepared within 6 months of all Census publications for Census 2027 (or the date of the next Census) and shall set out the progress achieved to date in realising key projects and objectives of the Local Area Plan.