

## Chapter 14: Implementation and Monitoring

The Council is fully committed to securing and monitoring the implementation of the strategies, policies and objectives of this Plan. The Council will continue to occupy a leadership role to progress and secure the Plan policies and objectives to achieve the sustainable development of the county. The successful implementation of a significant number of the policies and objectives of this Development Plan will necessitate on-going collaboration and a sense of good-will across a range of agencies and stakeholders. The implementation of this Plan will depend also on the economic climate, political support, Council funding and the availability of funding from other sources. It is considered that the implementation of the plan would be best focused on anticipated/proposed key, strategic and practical outcomes of the plan.

The Planning Department of the Council is the main section responsible for monitoring and implementing the Plan, mainly through the development management function. However, it is important to note that this Plan coordinates the work and objectives of other key departments within Offaly County Council, such as Local Economic Office (LEO), Environment and Water Services, Roads, Housing, Tourism, Regeneration, and Local Community Development. In some cases, the body responsible for the implementation of certain Plan objectives may be external, such as Irish Water, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Waterways Ireland, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018 established the legal basis for the Office of the Planning Regulator and outlines its role and functions, which include the assessment of all local authority forward planning programmes. It operates an independent monitoring role, advising Government on implementation of local authority statutory planning processes.

Under the provisions of Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Council has a statutory obligation to secure the implementation of the objectives of the Plan and to prepare a progress report on achieving the objectives not more than 2 years after the making of this Plan.

Under Section 22A (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), each Local Authority within the Regional Assembly is required, every 2 years, to prepare and submit a report to the Assembly setting out progress made in supporting objectives, relevant to that authority, of the Strategy.

As far as practicable, every effort has been made to formulate objectives that are specific, measurable, achievable and realistic.

Some sources of funding that will help in achieving the delivery of objectives within the Plan include;

- Public Private Partnerships
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund
- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

- Town and Village Renewal Funding
- Active Travel Funding
- Climate Action Fund
- Disruptive Technologies Fund
- Development Contributions
- Private – The developer of lands can privately finance the delivery of infrastructure.
- Irish Water Capital Investment Plan funding, Smarter Travel funding by the National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland funding, Town and Village Renewal Funding, Active Travel funding and Government Department funding
- EU LIFE Programme funding
- Draft Prioritised Action Framework for Ireland 2021-2027 funding
- Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post 2020
- National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021 funding