



Annual Monitoring at Regional and Local Level

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- Why monitor?
- What does the Annual Monitoring Report process involve?
- What indicators do we need to monitor?
- How do different monitoring regimes align?
- What are the future challenges for monitoring?
- How can we align our monitoring processes with those carried out in Europe?

Why monitor?

Section 3, Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004

“every RPB to make an annual report to the Secretary of State containing information on the implementation of the RSS and the extent to which the policies set out in the strategy are being achieved.”

Purpose of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR):

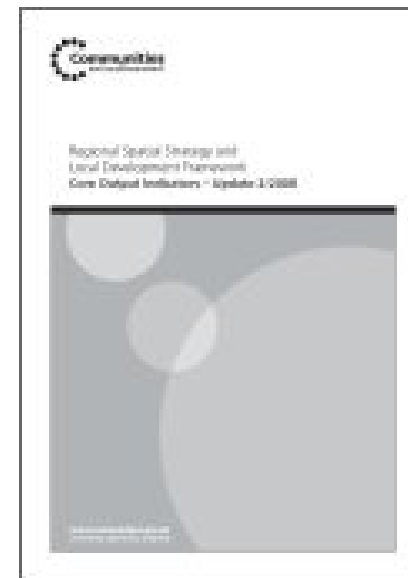
- Assess the impact over time of RSS against its main objectives;
- Consider whether RSS is being carried out correctly in line with its objectives;
- Offer explanations where policies are not being implemented;
- Outline measures to be taken where RSS policies are not working.

Preparation of the AMR

April	Data survey to Local Planning Authorities
April - November	Data collection by RPB assisted by key data providers and regional stakeholders
September - December	Data Analysis by RPB
December	Preparation of Draft AMR
January	Consultation on Draft AMR
February	Revisions to the AMR
28 February	Submission of AMR to CLG
March	Review of RSS As required

What do we monitor?

- RSS and LDF Core Output Indicators
 - Published in July 2008 by CLG;
 - Business Development and Town Centres;
 - Housing;
 - Environmental Quality;
 - Waste;
 - Minerals.



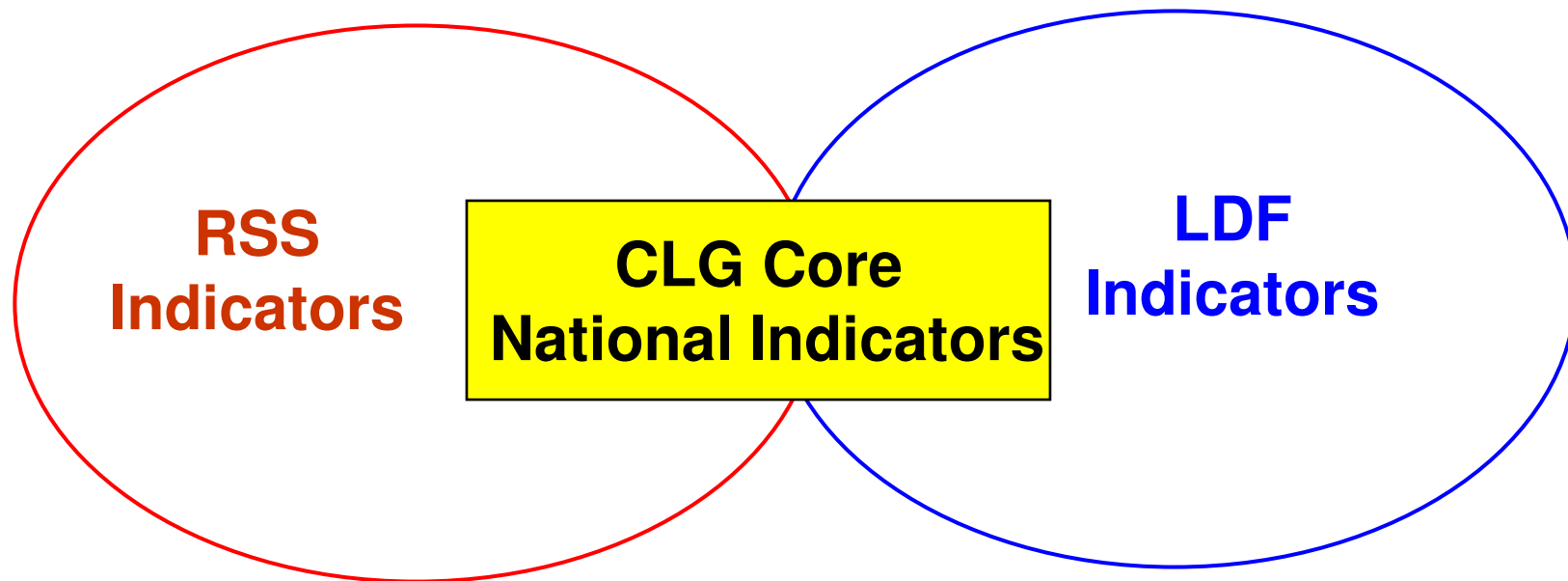
Other indicators collected

- (Additional) Output Indicators
- Contextual Indicators
- Process Indicators

Linkages between monitoring regimes

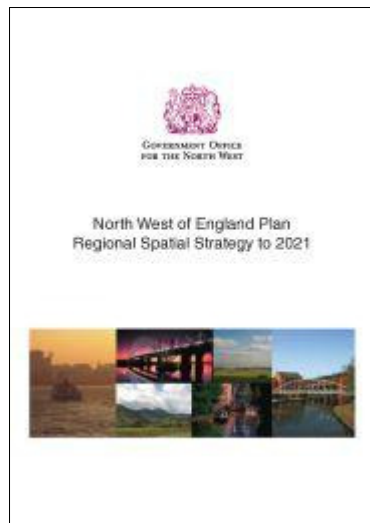
- Local Development Frameworks
- Regional Economic Strategies
- Regional Housing Strategies
- National Indicators

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RSS v RES

- Aligned regional evidence base;
 - Data sources used;
 - Indicator definitions;
 - Targets;
 - Sharing of data.



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National indicators

- Common indicators integrated across the national set and the AMR core output indicators
 - NI 154 Net additional homes provided;
 - NI 155 Number of affordable homes delivered (gross);
 - NI 159 Supply of ready to develop housing sites.

Future challenges facing monitoring Post SNR??

- Single Regional Strategy;
- Monitor a series of key outcomes;
 - Increase in indicators;
 - Production of AMR;
 - Revisions to existing Core Indicators;
 - Links to Local Economic Assessments.

European benchmarking

- European Benchmarking for the Northwest (RIU);
 - Focuses on economic growth;
 - Comparative sub regions.



Need to look at bigger picture...

- European Commission policy paper ‘Beyond GDP’ – Can this link in with RSS/National Indicators?;
- Data gaps – Housing (completions, affordability, energy efficient housing), climate change indicators etc;
- Transitional projects – need for more refined data.



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