



To all Chief Planning Officers

29 November 2013

Dear Colleague,

STRATEGIC MONITORING FRAMEWORK

My colleague, Max Hampton, wrote to you on 4 September 2013 with an update on the Sustainable Development Indicators. I am writing to provide you with further details prior to the formal collection of the data from April 2014 onwards.

We are grateful to the Planning Officers' Society for Wales' work on testing and helping us to finalise the suite of Sustainable Development Indicators. We indicated in September that we would be undertaking a trial run for one quarter of collecting the data prior to the formal collection next financial year. We would appreciate your assistance with undertaking this trial run for the last quarter of this financial year (January 2014 – March 2014). Attached is the form to record the data.

We also advised in September that local planning authorities should consider, in discussion with their software supplier, what changes may need to be made to their back office systems to ensure they can record the data required for the Sustainable Development Indicators, with the aim of reducing the amount of manual data entry required to collect the data.

As previously indicated, we are also seeking to make changes to simplify the process. We are working with the Planning Portal to make changes to the 1APP form so that additional data, such as proposed renewable energy output capacity, is collected at source. We are aiming to have these changes in place for collecting the data from April 2014.

We are currently looking into developing an all Wales ICT solution in order to automate the loading of information from local planning authorities' back office systems to the Welsh Government. This will be progressed during 2014.

We appreciate your assistance with putting the necessary changes in place prior to the formal data collection next financial year. If you require any further information regarding the Sustainable Development Indicators please contact Max Hampton on 02920 82 6166 or max.hampton@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary F Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

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