

What does the new Strategy for the West Midlands mean for monitoring?

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Monitoring Current Regional Strategies – key features

	RSS	RES
Statutory requirement?	Yes	No
Month of publication	February	July
Central Guidance	Yes	No
Focus of activity	Progress towards Policy & Implementation Plan	Progress vs. actions set out in Delivery Framework
Types of indicators employed	Significant Effects Contextual , Outcome Output, Process	Contextual, Outcome, Process, Evaluation evidence
Data derived from	LAs, Partners	Strategic Leads (ext. verified) Outcome data – public statistics
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What does the recent Draft Guidance say about monitoring the Single Strategy?

- **Statutory requirement**
- **AMR due date – 28th February**
- **Cites RSS Monitoring Good Practice Guide and Core Output Indicators**

What will a new monitoring system need to do?

- Allow us to assess the overall progress of the region;
- Encourage compatible approaches to the monitoring of all policy themes
- Enable a full view of the progress of the regional strategy and its implementation.
- Does not get us bogged down in minutiae of detail;
- Is capable of being resourced.

Challenges associated with the monitoring of the new Strategy.

- **Guidance**
- **Sheer scope of the Strategy**
- **Size of the job vs. proportionality vs. focus**
- **The need to connect with other work strands:**
 - **Local Economic Assessments**
 - **State of the Region**
- **Rather than simply provide information to ensure *intelligence*.**

Workshops

- **Communities for the Future – Dickens Room**
- **Transport – John Peak Room**
- **Prosperity for All – Room 14**
- **Quality of the Environment – Room 16**
- **Lunch – John Peak Room**

Workshop Feedback

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Chair's Closing Statement

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