

MONITORING AND REVIEW

Council is committed to monitoring the implementation of this planning scheme with the aim of evaluating the achievement of strategic policy directions and the operational effectiveness of the administration of the scheme. The monitoring program will be reported on annually and will be used to inform the review of the Municipal Strategic Statement.

To evaluate the achievement of the key strategic policy directions of the scheme, the following elements will be monitored:

Strategic Policy Achievement

Key Element	Indicator	Target
To facilitate the staged, orderly, and efficient development of the Shire's major townships.	<p>Number and locations of planning applications for residential development to be analysed by type, location, and decision made.</p> <p>Monitor rates of urban development concurrently with the planning scheme review at three-year intervals.</p> <p>Monitor population growth and residential land availability in Bacchus Marsh and Ballan.</p> <p>Ongoing monitoring of population growth and residential land availability.</p>	Infill and sequential development within the limits of the town urban growth boundary and in accordance with urban growth strategies.
To facilitate the sustainable growth of agriculture industries.	<p>Number, type, and locations of planning applications for use and development on rural land.</p> <p>Number, type, and location of planning applications for excision of smaller lots in horticultural and agricultural areas.</p>	<p>Reduction in the number of applications and approvals for non-agricultural use or development on rural land.</p> <p>Reduction in the number of applications and approvals for small lot excisions which increase housing potential.</p>

In addition to monitoring the strategic policy achievement, Council is committed to monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the administration of the scheme and the new planning system. In order to do this Council will maintain and monitor a comprehensive register of all planning applications made since gazettal which will include the following indicators:

Operational Effectiveness

Key Element	Indicator
Efficient decision-making process	<p>Number and nature of decisions made.</p> <p>Time taken for decisions.</p> <p>Feedback from the development industry on timeframes and costs associated with applications processed.</p>
Efficient operation of the planning scheme.	<p>Degree of officer support at Council and the Planning Committee.</p> <p>Support for Council at Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.</p> <p>Extent to which scheme amendments have increased or decreased.</p> <p>Matters of process and content requiring Department of Planning and Community Development's attention.</p>