

Planning Committee 9 December 2021

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| Planning Service Performance – Quarter 2 | | |
| Recommendations / key decisions required: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note core indicators and performance for Quarter 2 2021/22. | | |
| Reasons: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide information updating on the performance of aspects of the planning function of the Council. • To reflect part of the response to the recommendations contained in the Wales Audit Office report • To reflect the ongoing commitment to performance management and monitoring | | |
| Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO | | |
| Cabinet Decision Required | | NO |
| Council Decision Required | | NO |
| CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. M Stephens and Cllr P Hughes | | |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Planning Committee – 9 December 2021

Planning Service Performance – Quarter 2

1. SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

To provide planning committee members with a Quarterly reports and subsequent end of year reports on the performance recorded within the Planning Service and notably Development Management and Enforcement. It should be noted that this report is presented as part of the commitment to Performance Monitoring and as part of an ongoing commitment to report to Planning Committee. In this respect this report will be presented in Committee in October followed by subsequent quarterly reports and annual reports to Planning Committee.

The core indicators set out in the report will form part of our quarterly performance reporting for the Division.

This report reflects Quarter 2 for the period between 1st July 2021 and 30th September 2021. It also contains includes the comparative quarterly data for Q1 and 2020/21.

2. Performance Indicators

The report identifies an extensive set of core performance monitoring indicators which will form part of the future monitoring of the planning services performance. These include both “National Indicators” and those identified by this Council.

The indicators seek to clearly convey performance to the committee, and will along with other performance measures see a continued focus on performance improvement. The indicators reflect and include a range of areas of the planning service including determination of planning applications, enforcement, pre-applications and appeals.

The identified core performance indicators are as follows:

Performance Statistics Development Management - Planning Applications

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| Indicator 1 | Number of Planning Applications registered against applications determined |
| Indicator 2 | Percentage of all planning applications determined within target date |
| Indicator 3 | Major Planning Applications determined within target date |
| Indicator 4 | Minor Planning Applications determined within target date |
| Indicator 5 | Householder Applications determined within target date |
| Indicator 6 | Other Applications determined within target date |
| Indicator 7 | Statutory Pre-Applications determined within target date |
| Indicator 8 | Percentage of Member made decisions against Officer advice |
| Indicator 9 | Validation of Applications Received (5 days of receipt) |

Performance Statistics Development Management - Appeals

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| Indicator 10 | Percentage of planning appeals dismissed |
| Indicator 11 | Appeals determined against officer recommendation |
| Indicator 12 | Applications for costs at Section 78 appeal upheld |

Performance Statistics Development Management - Enforcement

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| Indicator 13 | Enforcement Complaints registered |
| Indicator 14 | Percentage of closed enforcement cases investigated within 84 days. |
| Indicator 15 | Average time taken to investigate enforcement cases |

The performance outcomes in relation to the above indicators is set out in the appended report.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **N Daniel**

Interim Head of Planning

| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
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| NONE | NONE | YES | NONE | YES | NONE | NONE |

3. Finance

Planning performance has the potential for significant financial implications in the event that the determination of applications are over time or an extension of time has not been negotiated then if requested, the planning fee is returned.

The financial impacts arising from decision making and in particular costs awarded at appeal are noted. The report details costs noting that they derive from refusals against officer recommendations.

5. Risk Management Issues

The report reflects the commitment to service improvement as a result of the Wales Audit report into the Planning Service. There is a corporate recognition of performance risks associated with failure to act on the recommendations of the report.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: N Daniel

Interim Head of Planning

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

N/A

3. Community / Town Council

N/A

4. Relevant Partners

N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)
AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

To be briefed (date TBC).

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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