

Planning Committee

23 June 2022

Planning Service Performance – Quarter 4

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To note core indicators and performance for Quarter 4 2021/22.

Reasons:

- 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 Audit Wales 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

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. Summary and Purpose of Report

To provide planning committee members with 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.

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

This report details the performance for Quarters 1 to 4 for the period between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022. It also contains includes the comparative quarterly data for 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 and the performance outcomes are 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: R Griffiths

Head of Place and Sustainability

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
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: R Griffiths

Head of Place and Sustainability

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**

Yes

Portfolio holder briefed.

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