

Planning Committee 25 April 2024

Planning Service Performance - Quarter 4

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To note core indicators and performance for Quarter 4 of 2023/24.

Reasons:

- To provide information updating on the performance of aspects of the Development Management & Enforcement function of the Council.
- To reflect part of the ongoing 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. Ann Davies
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

This report serves to update planning committee members on the performance of the Place and Sustainability service, focusing on Development Management and Enforcement, for the last quarter and the entire year.

It's essential to recognise that this report aligns with our commitment to Performance Monitoring and our ongoing dedication to reporting to the Planning Committee. The core indicators outlined herein will contribute to our quarterly performance reporting for the Division.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of Quarter 4 performance from January to March 2024, alongside comparative quarterly and cumulative data for 2022/23.

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 extend well beyond the agreed timeframe, as after a certain period the planning fee must be returned if requested.

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