

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
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Agenda item 13

Development Management Performance Report 2016/17

As indicated with the agenda report, the threshold on Major decisions made within the statutory determination period, or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant, is 50% for the assessment period between October 2014 and September 2016 which rises to 60% in 2018 (measuring an assessment period of between October 2015 and September 2017).

For applications for Non-Major Development a threshold of less than 65% of an authority's decisions made within the statutory determination period, or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant, has been set (measuring an assessment period between October 2014 to September 2016). The threshold will rise to 70% in 2018 (measuring the period between October 2015 and September 2017).

An authority can be designated on the basis of its performance in determining applications for major development, applications for non-major development, or both.

Since the publication of the agenda the Government has published information regarding the speed of the delivery of planning decisions and quality of decisions which is the basis upon which they determine whether a planning authority should be designated as a poorly performing authority.

The published statistics indicate that this Council determined 77% of Major decisions within the statutory determination period or within the agreed time, for the period of 24 months to the end of March 2017. For the same period the Council determined 88.2% of applications for Non-Major development within the statutory determination period or within the agreed time.

The Council were therefore comfortably above the designation thresholds set for the speed of decision, but it should be noted that the assessment period will run from October 2015 to September 2017, so it would be premature to report that we have achieved a performance that exceeds the thresholds - although even with a recent dip in performance this is now very likely to be so. The final position will not however be known until spring 2018.

Further information regarding the Council's performance in respect of the quality of its decisions is reported within a supplementary report on item 14, the Annual Report on Planning and Related Appeals. However, on the basis of the statistics published by the Government in that regard it can be concluded that this Council is not likely to be at risk of being designated as a poorly performing authority.