

**REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF 18th July
2017**

Status: For information
Title: Development Management Performance Report,
Quarter 4: 2016/17.
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Where from: n/a
**Where to
next:** For information only

1 Purpose Report

1.1 This report on Development Management advises the Committee on the performance of the Development Management service for the period 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2017.

2 Recommendations:

2.1 **That the Committee notes the information contained in the report.**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

3.1 To ensure that Committee are kept updated on the performance of the Council's Development Management Service.

4 Impact on Communities

4.1 Development Management and decision-taking is referred to in paragraphs 186 - 206 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012. This includes determining planning applications.

5 Key Facts

5.1 Performance information is available on HDC TEN Performance Management system. 1.

Table 1 Performance (from HDC TEN) 1st January 2017 – 31st March 2017

Indicator	Total number of decisions (a)	Total number of decisions within 8 or 13 weeks or agree other time.	% of decisions within 8 or 13 week target (excluding agreed time extensions) (b/a-c)%.	local performance indicator (% target)
Major planning application decisions within 13 weeks (excluding agreed time extensions)	16	15	93.75%	60%
Minor development planning decisions within 8 weeks	67	56	83.6%	65%
Other development planning decisions within 8 weeks	158	129	81.6%	80%

5.2 Planning Appeals

5.1 Appendix 2 shows planning appeal outcomes for the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017. 1 of 4 (25%) planning appeals allowed. For the year 7 of 29 (24.1%) planning appeals were allowed.

6. Legal Issues

6.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report itself but legal resources are sometimes required to progress individual planning application cases.

7. Resource Issues

7.1 There are direct resource implications of staffing arising from Development Management function.

8. Equality Implications

8.1 Planning decisions where relevant take account of The Equality Act 2010.

9. Impact on the Organisation

- 9.1 Development Management is a statutory function. It is a high profile function with planning committee meetings, for example, often being relatively well attended.
- 9.2 Government has indicated (November 2016) new criteria for designation relating to speed and quality of planning performance. This affects potential special measures designation from 2017 onwards. See Background papers.
- 9.3 A members briefing on this new designation criteria was offered on the 4th April 2017.
10. Community Safety Implications
- 10.1 Community safety is a material planning consideration.
11. Carbon Management Implications
- 11.1 Managing climate change is a material planning consideration.
12. Risk Management Implications
- 12.1 The effectiveness and integrity of the development management process contributes to sustainable development. In turn this impacts on New Homes Bonus allocations. Planning appeals and costs wards reflect quality of planning decisions.
- 12.2 Poorly performing local planning authorities may be placed in special measures. If in special measures applicants may choose to bypass the local planning authority and make planning application for development directly to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 12.3 The current threshold to avoid special measures status is likely to be varied as described at 9.2 above.
13. Consultation
- 13.1 The Portfolio Holder has been notified of this report
14. Options Considered
- 14.1 Development Management is a statutory function that the Council must provide. .
15. Background Papers
- 15.1 [‘Fixing our broken housing market’](#) was published by Government, 7th February 2017.
- 15.2 [Improving planning performance : criteria for designation \(revised 2016\).](#)

Previous report(s): None

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: n/a

Ward Members Notified: N

Appendix 1 Planning Appeal Decisions

Appeal decisions 2016-17 1st January 2017 – 31st March 2017.

Reference	Proposal & Address	Decision type	Officer decision / recommendation	Appeal decision
15/01665/OUT	Erection of up to 250 dwellings. Land At Coventry Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire	Committee	Refusal	Allowed
15/01773/CLU	Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use for the storage of 1 caravan. Land Disused Quarry, Oakham Road, Tilton On The Hill, Leicestershire	Delegated	Refusal	Dismissed
16/01089/FUL	Retention of converted building to 1 no. dwelling. Parva Paddocks Eight Acres, Leire Lane, Ashby Parva, Leicestershire	Delegated	Refusal	Dismissed
16/01230/FUL	Erection of single and two storey front extensions; erection of first floor rear extension supported on stilts. Poultney Barn, Wakeley Farm, Lutterworth Road, North Kilworth	Delegated	Refusal	Dismissed