

**REPORT OF BUSINESS & PERFORMANCE MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: WELSH GOVERNMENT PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

Following consultation with Planning Society for Wales and Welsh Local Government Association, Welsh Government recently announced a new performance framework to come into effect in January 2015.

The framework consists of eighteen indicators covering development management, development planning, and enforcement, most of which are numerical statistics and others are milestones. Each indicator is scored as a traffic light as red, amber or green according to the performance against a target, although many of the targets are subject to further discussion.

The existing indicators are retained but new indicators are included based on the average time taken for both determination of applications and taking enforcement action which probably provides a better picture of performance. There may need to be changes to the planning computer system to record the new data.

The likely results for PCNPA of the new framework since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 are as follows:-

Indicator	Result
Is there a current Development Plan in place that is within the plan period?	Yes
LDP preparation deviation from the dates specified in the original Delivery Agreement, in months	Yes
Annual Monitoring Reports produced following LDP adoption	Yes
The local planning authority's current housing land supply in years	The authority has a housing land supply of less than 4 years
Percentage of "major" applications determined within time	50%
Average time taken to determine "major" applications in days	82
Percentage of all applications determined within time periods required	86%
Average time taken to determine all applications in days	51 days
Percentage of Member made decisions against officer advice	0.8%
Percentage of appeals dismissed	78%
Applications for costs at Section 78 appeal upheld in the reporting period	0
Does the local planning authority allow members of the public to address the Planning Committee?	Yes

Does the local planning authority have an officer on duty to provide advice to members of the public?	No
Does the local planning authority's web site have an online register of planning applications, which members of the public can access, track their progress (and view their content)?	No
Percentage of enforcement cases investigated (determined whether a breach of planning control has occurred and, if so, resolved whether or not enforcement action is expedient) within 84 days	66%
Average time taken to investigate enforcement cases	Data not recorded
Percentage of enforcement cases where enforcement action is taken or a retrospective application received within 180 days from the start of the case (in those cases where it was expedient to enforce)	Data not recorded
Average time taken to take enforcement action	195 (estimate based on limited data available)

**Recommendation:**

**Members are requested to NOTE the new performance framework.**

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