

19. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE (JEN)

1. Planning statistics are reported quarterly to the Department for Communities Housing and Local Government (DHCLG), and the performance of planning authorities is judged against criteria related to:
 - The speed of determining applications for major development;
 - The quality of decisions made by the authority on applications for major development;
 - The speed of determining applications for non-major development;
 - The quality of decisions made by the authority on applications for non-major development.
2. The speed of determination thresholds for 2018 below which a local planning authority is eligible for designation are:
 - a) **For applications for major development: less than 60 per cent** of an authority's decisions made within the statutory determination period (13 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant;
 - b) **For applications for non-major development: less than 70 per cent** of an authority's decisions made within the statutory determination period (8 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant.
3. In the quarter January – March 2019 we reported to DHCLG that we determined 100% of major applications in within the statutory determination period (13 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant.
4. In the same quarter we reported that we determined 89.6% of non-major applications within the statutory determination period (8 weeks) or such extended period as has been agreed in writing with the applicant.
5. For the quarter we are well within the required thresholds.
6. We will be assessed by MHCLG for data returned and aggregated over the period October 2017 – September 2019. Our returns over the period so far show that for major development in 2018 we were at 60% and for non-major we were at 70%. So while not below the thresholds, very close to them. We have looked at the system we use to collate our planning data and have identified some problems with the data and the way the data is reported by the system. We have made corrections and put in place some checks and are confident that the improved performance in the last quarter better reflects our performance. We will continue to monitor both our performance and our data to ensure our returns accurately reflect our performance.

RECOMENDATION:

That the report be noted.