Belfast City Council

Subject:	Major Planning Applications
Date:	20th September 2024
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?	**Yes**		**No**	X

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision	
After Council Decision	
Sometime in the future	
Never	

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	**Yes**	X	**No**	

1.0	**Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues**
1.1	To provide an update on Major planning applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	Committee are asked to: 1. Note the report 2. Agree that reports will be brought before the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on a quarterly basis.
3.0	**Main Report**
	Background
3.1	The Committee received an update on Planning Performance at its meeting on the 27th August 2024. At that meeting and previously the Committee sought a regular update on Major applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee, especially those where a Decision Notice has yet to be issued.
3.2	As set out in the previous report, all Major applications must be determined by the Planning Committee. The Key Performance Indicator (given in weeks) is calculated from when an application is considered to be valid to when the Decision Notice ("Green Form") is issued. This means that any delays either pre- or post- committee will impact on the KPI. The target for determining a Major application is 30 weeks.
	Major applications
3.3	Appendix 1 sets out the Major applications that are currently with the Council to determine. Details are given on the location, proposal, the validation date and target date for determination (using the 30 week target set out in the Key Performance Indicator) as well as a status update.
	Applications determined by Planning Committee
3.4	Appendix 2 sets out the applications that have been determined by Committee since February 2022 which are yet to issue. For completeness information is also given on those applications determined by Committee which have had their Decision Notice issued. Details are given on the time taken (in weeks) to bring the applications before Committee and where decisions are yet to be issued, information is given relating to the main reason for the delay.
	Conclusion
3.5	Reports on Major applications and applications determined by the Planning Committee will be brought to each Planning Committee meeting for information. It is proposed that the same reports will be brought on a quarterly basis to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. Should members have any questions on Major planning applications in the intervening period, they are able to contact the Director of Planning and Building Control.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.6	There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.

	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.7	There are no equality or good relations / rural needs implications associated with this report.
4.0	**Appendices – Documents Attached**
	Appendix 1 – Major planning applications at September 2024
	Appendix 2 – Applications determined by Committee at September 2024