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Is this report restricted?

Yes

No

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of the paper is to provide an update on planning performance up to 30 September 2016.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	Members are asked to note the current performance
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 143 applications validated in September 2016. (227 in August 2016)• Applications received are down 37% from last month and 22% down from the same month last year.• Overall numbers of applications received this year are up 25%. (830 up to 30 September 2015 compared to 1102 up to 30 September 2016) Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 223 decisions issued in September 2015, 191 in August 2016.• 92% approval rate• 210 (94%) decisions issued under delegated authority• Number of decisions issued is up by 33% over the same period in 2015. No of applications in system by length of time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1,057 live apps in system at end of September 2016 (1,114 in August 2016)• 61% of applications in system less than 6 months

- Outstanding legacy applications are now less than 60 (from 780 at transfer in April 2015).

Performance against statutory Targets (figures available from department up to 31 July 2016)

- The Department for Infrastructure, which is responsible for providing information on performance against statutory targets, has not provided an update on those figures previously provided to Committee at the September meeting. These are set out below.
- The statutory target for processing major development planning applications from the date valid to decision issued or withdrawal date is within an average of 30 weeks. In July 2016 the average processing time to decide major applications in BCC was 60 weeks. This includes legacy applications and those Major applications which have been delayed whilst a Section 76 agreement is put in place.
- The statutory target for processing local development planning applications from the date valid to decision issued or withdrawal date is an average of 15 weeks. In July 2016 the average processing time to decide local applications in BCC was 14.4 weeks.
- The statutory target is that 70% of all enforcement cases are progressed to target conclusion within 39 weeks of receipt of complaint. Between 1 April 2015 and 31 July 2016 73.5% of enforcement cases were concluded within 39 weeks.

4.0	Financial and Resource Implications
4.1	N/A
5.0	Equality or Good Relations implications
5.1	N/A