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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 31 October 2016.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	Members are asked to note the current performance.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 147 applications validated in October 2016. • Applications validated is broadly similar to both last month and the same month last year. • Overall numbers of applications validated this year are up 23% (979 up to 31 October 2015 compared to 1,273 up to 31 October 2016) <p>Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 decisions issued in October 2016. • 91% approval rate • 93% decisions issued under delegated authority • Number of decisions issued to date is up 55% over the same period in 2015. <p>No of applications in system by length of time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,056 live apps in system at end of October 2016 (1,057 in September 2016) • 61% of applications in system less than 6 months

- Outstanding legacy applications are now less than 45 (from 780 at transfer in April 2015).

Performance against statutory Targets (figures available from department up to 30 September 2016)

- 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. Up to 30 September the average processing time to decide major applications in BCC was 68.6 weeks. This, however, 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. Up to 30 September 2016, the average processing time to decide local applications in BCC was 15.4 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 76.5% 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