Development Management Service Improvement Plan 2016 - 18

Priority	2016/17 target	Action	who	By when	Progress
Processing planning applications	Improve performance in processing of planning applications to meet statutory targets	 Review DM policies and processes in line with Best Practice Review performance and reporting framework Eliminate legacy backlog Review Delegation Scheme Review Committee Operating Protocol Develop Pre Application Charging framework Implement Planning Performance Agreements Implement Audit recommendations 	 Ed Baker Ed Ed Ed Ed Ed Ed Ed Ed 	 Quarter 4 Quarter 4 Quarter 4 Quarter 4 Quarter 3 Quarter 3 Quarter 4 	 Ongoing Ongoing < 45 @ Nov 2016 Workshop planned for Planning Committee in Dec Ongoing Committee approval to instigate secured. Report to Committee with charging schedule in Dec 2016. Implementation arrangements being finalised Draft Action plan agreed. A number of recommendations already implemented.
Enforcement	Process enforcement cases to meet statutory target	Implement Enforcement Charter Adopt a proactive approach to enforcement	• Ed • Ed	Quarter 1Ongoing	Implemented Public consultation on removal of deemed consent for estate agent student to let signage commenced
Corporate Working	Support Council priorities and objectives	 Implement revised arrangements for advertisement of planning applications Implement Section 76 framework Development of Section 76 monitoring strategy Review the use of NI Direct for call handling Set up improved monitoring and management of calls and other communications Establish joint reception for Planning and Place Ensure corporate team approach to important city-wide project 	 Ed Ed Ed Jane/Helen Jane/Helen Jane/Helen Ed 	 Quarter 4 Quarter 1 2017 Quarter 1 2017 Quarter 1 2017 Quarter 1 2017 Quarter 3 Ongoing 	 Tender process being finalised. Framework expected to be issued for consultation in Dec 201 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Revised processes and procedures agreed Ongoing
ICT Solutions	Provide effective IT system for Planning	Improve short term operation of Planning Portal Secure effective Planning Portal replacement	• Ed • Ed	Quarter 4By 2019	Ongoing liaison through Portal governance groups Continuing to examine potential replacement options including Discovery phase with Dfl.
Member Engagement	Provide effective support for members	Finalise member engagement protocol Implement ongoing capacity building programme	• Ed • Ed	Quarter 3Ongoing	 Draft prepared 2 workshops on planning issues and Scheme of Delegation planned for Dec 2016
Staff Engagement	Improve engagement and communication with staff	Implement effective engagement framework	• Ed	Quarter 3	Key messages from management meetings implemented Quarterly team meetings implemented
Customer Engagement	Improve accessibility/understanding of the planning process to all users of the planning system	 Consider options for further customer engagement Finalise and publish service standards Review website and ongoing use of other suitable media 	EdEdEd	Quarter 4Quarter 4Ongoing	OngoingDraft preparedOngoing