	Belfast City Council	PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 6
Date:		Tuesday 13 December 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes No	Х
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes X 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 November 2016.		
2.0	Recommendation		
2.1	Members are asked to note the current performance.		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	Applications • 164 applications validated in November 2016. (147 in October 2016)		
	Applications validated are down 14% from the same month last year.		
	Overall numbers of applications validated this year are up 18% (1,170 up to		
	30 November 2015 compared to 1,433 up to 30 November 2016)		
	Decisions 167 decisions issued in November 2016.		
	94% approval rate		
	89% decisions issued under delegated authority		
	Number of decisions issued to date is up 40% over the same period in		
	2015.(866 up to 30 November 2015 compared to 1, 443 up to 30 November		
	2016)		
	No of applications in system by length of time 1,051 live apps in system at end of October 2016 (1,056 in October 2016)		

- 61% of applications in system less than 6 months
- Outstanding legacy applications are now less than 40. (from 780 at transfer in April 2015).

Performance against statutory Targets (figures available from department up to 30 October 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 31 October 2016 the average processing time to decide major applications in BCC was 67 weeks. This, however, includes legacy applications and those Major applications which have been delayed whilst a Section 76 agreement in 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 31 October 2016, the average processing time to decide local applications in BCC was 14.6 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 and 31 October 2016 75.9% 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/Δ