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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	<p>The purpose of the paper is to provide an update on planning performance up to 31 January 2017.</p> <p>Please note that these figures are internally sourced and not Official Statistics from the Department for Infrastructure and may be subject to change when the Official Statistics are subsequently released</p>
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"> • 164 applications validated in February 2017. • Overall numbers of applications validated this year are up 17% (2077 up to 28 February 2017 compared to 1719 up to 29 February 2016) <p>Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 111 decisions issued in February 2017. • 89% approval rate • 89% decisions issued under delegated authority • Number of decisions issued to date is up 27% over the same period in 2015.(1367 up to 29 February 2016 compared to 1862 up to 28 February 2017)

	<p>No of applications in system by length of time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 973 live apps in system at end of February 2017 • 57% of applications in system less than 6 months • Outstanding legacy applications are now less than 35. (from 780 at transfer in April 2015). <p>Performance against statutory Targets (figures available from department up to 31 December2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 January 2017 the average processing time to decide major applications in BCC was 54.8 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. In January 2017, the average processing time to decide local applications in BCC was 18.68 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 January 2017, 77.2% 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