

Eden District Council

Planning Committee

19 May 2022

**Quarter 4/Annual Planning Performance Report – 2021/22**

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leader
<b>Report from:</b>	Assistant Director Development
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards save for those wards that are wholly within the Lake District or Yorkshire Dales National Park.
<b>OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide Members with an annual overview of the ongoing performance of the Council’s Planning Development Management Service in relation to Key Performance Indicators and Planning Enforcement matters.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

**3. Report Details**

- 3.1 This report provides Members of the Council and Planning Committee with a quarterly and annual update and overview relating to the Council’s planning performance against National Targets as set by the Government and the Council.
- 3.2 The reporting period covered in this report includes quarter 4 of 2021-2022, up to 31 March 2022.
- 3.3 The figures are included in section 5 below. They represent a difficult period for the service which includes Covid-19 restrictions, staffing resource difficulties and a review of the service. Towards the end of the year there was a very high staff turnover. The service has been recently strengthened and currently has 5 new members of staff that are now settling in. The additional investment in the service would undoubtedly result in improved performance, however, given the length of time to deal with complex applications there will naturally be a significant time delay as they worked through the system. The figures show a dip in performance in the last quarter. This is a quirk of the process. As the better resourced service gets to grips with many of the older outstanding complex applications, more of those determined will have been submitted a longer time ago thus actually pushing the statistics downwards in the short term.
- 3.4 The annual performance comfortably exceeds the national performance standards. Nevertheless the performance over the last year comfortably exceeds national performance standards. With regard to major applications Eden’s performance is 79% determined with 13 weeks against a national

target of 60%. Eden performance for minor applications is 78% determined in 8 weeks against a national target of 70%.

- 3.5 Advice received from Natural England in March means that we now need to be satisfied that new housing and tourism projects attracting more overnight stays must be able to demonstrate that the additional waste water is not adding additional nutrients to protected river basins covering most of the District. This is likely to result in delays to many applications and will affect our performance information from here on.

## 4. Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Sustainable;
- Healthy, safe and secure;
- Connected; and
- Creative

- 4.2 The planning performance by Development Management connects into each of these four corporate priorities.

## 5. Performance Statistics

### Development Management – Planning Applications

**Table 1: Number of Planning Applications Received**

<b>Applications Received</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/2019	280	264	196	240	<b>980</b>
2019/2020	231	240	207	214	<b>892</b>
2020/2021	216	311	267	322	<b>1116</b>
2021/2022	289	273	163	251	<b>976</b>

(Table 1 does not include all work received by the Planning Service such as applications for non-material amendments, Tree Preservation Order works, Discharge of Conditions or Certificates of Lawfulness.)

**Table 2: Major Planning Applications Determined (13 week determination period)**

<b>Major Development</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/2019	100% (7 of 7)	100% (7 of 7)	100% (5 of 5)	100% (6 of 6)	<b>100%</b> <b>(25 of 25)</b>
2019/2020	100% (5 of 5)	100% (9 of 9)	100% (3 of 3)	100% (5 of 5)	<b>100%</b> <b>(22 of 22)</b>
2020/2021	100% (11 of 11)	100% (9 of 9)	100% (7 of 7)	88.8% (8 of 9)	<b>97.2%</b> <b>(35 of 36)</b>
2021/2022	75% (6 of 8)	87.5% (7 of 8)	100% (7 of 7)	50% (3 of 6)	<b>79%</b> <b>(23 of 29)</b>

**(National Target 60%)**

**Table 3: Minor Planning Applications Determined (8 week determination period)**

<b>Minor Development</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/2019	89% (73 of 82)	89% (65 of 73)	84.7% (50 of 59)	92.8% (52 of 56)	<b>88.8%</b> <b>(240 of 270)</b>
2019/2020	98% (51 of 52)	93.3% (56 of 60)	100% (43 of 43)	87.3% (55 of 63)	<b>94%</b> <b>(205 of 218)</b>
2020/2021	89.7% (44 of 49)	94.5% (52 of 55)	95% (57 of 60)	88.6% (39 of 44)	<b>92.3%</b> <b>(192 of 208)</b>
2021/2022	88% (59 of 67)	80% (52 of 65)	80% (34 of 42)	62% (31 of 50)	<b>78%</b> <b>(176 of 224)</b>

**(National Target 70%)**

**Table 4: Other Development Applications Determined (various determination periods)**

<b>Other Development</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/2019	87.5% (84 of 96)	88.2% (83 of 96)	97.1% (68 of 70)	90.9% (60 of 66)	<b>91.1%</b> <b>(297 of 326)</b>
2019/2020	97% (89 of 91)	99% (99 of 101)	98.6% (72 of 73)	93% (85 of 91)	<b>96.9%</b> <b>(345 of 356)</b>
2020/2021	95.5% (65 of 68)	95% (77 of 81)	95.8% (93 of 97)	91.7% (67 of 73)	<b>94%</b> <b>(302 of 319)</b>
2021/2022	95% (97 of 102)	84.5% (82 of 97)	77% (80 of 103)	68.3% (67 of 98)	<b>81%</b> <b>(326 of 400)</b>

**(National Target 70%)**

**Table 5: Pre-Application Enquiries received (28 Day target turn around)**

<b>Pre-Application Enquiry</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/2019	46 received £4,836	57 received £5,700	36 received £4,320	46 received £4,800	<b>185</b> <b>£19,656</b>
2019/2020	59 received £8,424	45 received £6,810	51 received £8,112	44 received £5,184	<b>199</b> <b>£28,530</b>
2020/2021	40 received £4,174	68 received £5,670	38 received £4,436	57 received £3,420	<b>203</b> <b>£17,700</b>
2021/2022	60 received £6,240	48 received £3,876	32 received £3,126	49 received £5,790	<b>189</b> <b>£19,032</b>

## Development Management - Enforcement

**Table 6: Enforcement Complaints Received**

<b>Enforcement Complaints Received</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/2019	42	43	33	29	<b>147</b>
2019/2020	43	36	21	29	<b>129</b>
2020/2021	32	46	28	35	<b>141</b>
2021/2022	44	34	28	30	<b>136</b>

**Table 7: Enforcement Cases Closed**

<b>Enforcement Complaints Closed</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2017/2018	29	45	39	39	<b>152</b>
2018/2019	38	33	43	31	<b>145</b>
2019/2020	24	32	34	15	<b>105</b>
2020/2021	12	36	22	15	<b>85</b>
2021/2022	16	4	19	28	<b>67</b>

**Table 8: Enforcement and other Notices Served**

<b>Notices Served</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/2019	3	4	3	1	<b>8</b>
2019/2020	3	0	1	0	<b>4</b>
2020/2021	11	3	3	2	<b>19</b>
2021/2022	0	2	2	0	<b>4</b>

## **6 Implications**

### **6.1 Financial and Resources**

6.1.1 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

### **6.2 Legal**

6.2.1 There are no Legal implications as a result of this report.

### **6.3 Human Resources**

6.3.1 There are no Human Resource implications as a result of this report.

### **6.4 Environmental**

6.4.1 There are no Environmental Implications as a result of this report.

### **6.5 Statutory Considerations**

6.5.1 There are no Statutory Considerations beyond those contained within Section 5 of this report.

### **6.6 Risk Management**

6.6.1 There are no Risk Management Considerations as a result of this report.

### **Tracking Information**

<b>Governance Check</b>	<b>Date Considered</b>
<b>Assistant Director Development</b>	06 May 2022

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None

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