

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

**To: Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority
Joint Committee**

On: 11th March 2019

**Report by
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Clydeplan Planning Performance Framework Feedback 2017/18

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Joint Committee to note the Scottish Government's feedback on Clydeplan's Planning Performance Framework 2017/18 and the Scottish Government's proposed changes to performance monitoring as specified within the Planning Bill.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the Scottish Government's feedback on Clydeplan's Planning Performance Framework 2017/18.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of the Scottish Government's ongoing commitment to improving planning performance across Scotland, Clydeplan submitted its sixth Planning Performance Framework for the period April 2017 to March 2018.

4. Feedback Report

- 4.1 The Scottish Government provided feedback on the Clydeplan submission on 17th January 2019 (refer Appendix).
- 4.2 Clydeplan's performance has been assessed very positively on its plan preparation performance; and collaborative approach to sharing good practice, skills and knowledge between authorities, with all categories rated as green, and "*culture of continuous improvement*" as amber.
- 4.3 Of note is the covering letter from Kevin Stewart MSP the Minister for Local Government and Housing in which he notes that the Planning Bill has recently passed through the second stage of parliamentary consideration, during which the Local Government and Communities Committee voted, amongst other things to remove the proposed provisions on planning performance, provisions to make training for elected members mandatory, and the existing penalty clause provisions.

- 4.4 The Minister also states that whatever the outcome of the Planning Bill he believes that it is the time to look again at how we measure the performance of the planning system and that this will be considered the Scottish Government led High Level Group on Planning.

Appendix

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Cllr Lawrence O'Neill
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17 January 2019

Dear Cllr O'Neill

PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK FEEDBACK 2017-18

I am pleased to enclose feedback on the SDPA's 7th PPF Report for the period April 2017 to March 2018. Considerable progress has been made since the introduction of the Planning Performance Framework and key markers, although performance still remains variable over some authorities and markers.

As you may be aware, the Planning Bill has recently passed through the second stage of parliamentary consideration, during which the Local Government and Communities Committee voted to remove the proposed provisions on planning performance, provisions to make training for elected members mandatory, and the existing penalty clause provisions. We expect Stage 3 of the bill process to begin in the new year.

Whatever the outcome of the Planning Bill, I believe now is the time to look again at how we measure the performance of the planning system. The High Level Group on Planning Performance recently met to discuss performance measurement and other improvements. I very much hope that we can continue to support ongoing improvements in our planning service and further demonstrate the value which the planning system can add to people's lives. Ministers see an important connection between performance and fees and I am aware that any proposals to increase fees will raise applicants' expectations of an efficient and effective service.

We need to be able to measure performance to provide that crucial evidence to support any increases in fees, to help ensure that authorities are appropriately resourced to deliver on our ambitions. With this in mind, we will continue to liaise with COSLA, SOLACE and Heads of Planning Scotland on matters of the Bill's implementation and planning performance measures going forward.

If you would like to discuss any of the markings awarded below, please email chief.planner@gov.scot and a member of the team will be happy to discuss these with you.

Kind Regards

KEVIN STEWART

CC: Mr Stuart Tait, Strategic Development Plan Manager

PERFORMANCE MARKERS REPORT 2017-18

Name of planning authority: **CLYDEPLAN SDPA**

The Red, Amber, Green ratings are based on the evidence provided within the PPF reports. Where no information or insufficient evidence has been provided, a 'red' marking has been allocated.

No.	Performance Marker	RAG rating	Comments
6	Continuous improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> progress/improvement in relation to PPF National Headline Indicators; and progress ambitious and relevant service improvement commitments identified through PPF report 	Amber	<p>You have achieved all of the key outcomes in relation to the National Headline Indicators. RAG = Green</p> <p>You have completed 1 out of 4 of your improvement commitments with the remainder scheduled to be carried over into the next reporting year. One commitment ('Plan Approval and Delivery') could be considered core business and not a service improvement. RAG = Amber</p>
7	Local development plan less than 5 years since adoption	Green	Your SDP was 8 months at the end of the reporting period.
8	Development plan scheme – next LDP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on course for adoption within 5 years of current plan(s) adoption; and project planned and expected to be delivered to planned timescale 	Green	<p>Your SDP is on track for adoption within the five year cycle. RAG = Green</p> <p>Your Development Plan Scheme and participation statement was republished in March, 2018. A draft Project Plan for your next SDP has been prepared, noting that its progression is contingent on the final terms of the Planning (Scotland) Bill and you are actively monitoring the updates on this. RAG = Green</p>
9	Elected members engaged early (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year	N/A	
10	Cross sector stakeholders* engaged early (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year <i>*Including industry, agencies and Scottish Government</i>	N/A	
13	Sharing good practice, skills and knowledge between authorities	Green	You regularly engage in collaborative working with various bodies across your constituent local authorities, Scottish Government, key agencies, and industry. The establishment of the Development Management Forum and the continuation of the North Lanarkshire Council pilot study are particularly good examples of your commitment to sharing good practice and information.

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Performance against Key Markers

Marker		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	Decision making timescales	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Processing agreements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Early collaboration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	Legal agreements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	Enforcement charter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	Continuous improvement						
7	Local development plan						
8	Development plan scheme						
9	Elected members engaged early (pre-MIR)	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Stakeholders engaged early (pre-MIR)	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A
11	Regular and proportionate advice to support applications	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	Corporate working across services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	Sharing good practice, skills and knowledge						
14	Stalled sites/legacy cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	Developer contributions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Overall Markings (total numbers for red, amber and green)

2012-13	0	1	3
2013-14	0	3	3
2014-15	0	3	3
2015-16	0	1	3
2016-17	0	0	4
2017-18	0	1	3