

To: Planning and Property Policy Board

On: 8 November 2016

Report by: Director of Development and Housing Services

Heading: Planning Applications Quarterly Performance – Q1 and Q2 2016/17

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the performance of the Development Management functions in relation to planning applications and related matters for the first two quarters of 2016-17.
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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board;

- (i) Notes the performance statistics for the Development Management function for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 as indicated in Annexe 1 to this report.
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3 Background

- 3.1 All planning authorities are required to report on their performance on planning applications and related matters to the Scottish Government. Analysis of the performance data demonstrates Renfrewshire Council's continuing strong performance by improving the average processing timescales of planning applications

- 3.2 The performance data shows that the rate of approval for the first two quarters of 2016 -2017 indicates a consistent rate of approval. Quarter 2 at 98.8% returns an increase on Quarter 1 at 97.7%. The Scottish average figures for Quarter 2 have not been published so a comparison cannot be made against Renfrewshire's figures. However, both quarters compared favourably with the Quarter 1 Scottish average of 94%.
- 3.3 Similarly, Renfrewshire scores well in terms of delegated decision making, returning a figure of 97.7% in Quarter 2. Quarter 1 at 98.3% compared favourably with the Scottish average of 95.4%. .
- 3.4 In almost all application categories, the average time taken to process applications compares favourably with the Scottish average, with Renfrewshire achieving in a number of instances a substantially shorter average time to determine applications. As an example, in Quarter 1, it took an average processing time of 9.7 weeks to decide 'Housing Developments Local' whereas for Scotland as a whole, the average processing time was 12.7 weeks. The processing time increased in Quarter 2 at 11.5 weeks for the same application category.
- 3.5 The 'All Major Developments' average processing time of 21.6 weeks for Quarter 1 also remains a shorter average time compared to the Scottish average of 39.3 weeks. Quarter 2 continues to show a shorter average time at 19.3 weeks.
- 3.6 Whilst the 'Householder Developments' average processing time of 7.5 weeks in Quarter 1 is slightly above the Scottish Average of 7.1 weeks and 7.6 weeks in quarter 2, this minimal increase is due to the increased volume of 'Householder Development' applications processed in both these periods.
- 3.7 In summary, the performance data for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2016/17 continues to show a consistent and continual improvement in the average processing time compared to the Scottish Average. Regular updates will be brought to the Board for future quarters of 2016/17.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – None.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning** – None
4. **Legal** - None.
5. **Property/Assets** - None.

6. **Information Technology** - None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals’ human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report; this report is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council’s website.
8. **Health & Safety** - None.
9. **Procurement** – None.
10. **Risk** - None.
11. **Privacy Impact** - None.

List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper 1 – Renfrewshire’s Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 data and summary analysis from the Scottish Government .

The foregoing background papers will be retained within Development and Housing Services for inspection by the public for the prescribed period of four years from the date of the meeting. The contact officer within the service is David Bryce, 0141 618 7892, david.bryce@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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Renfrewshire 2016/17 - Quarter 2 (1 July 2016 - 30 September 2016)			Renfrewshire 2016/17 - Quarter 1	Scotland 2016/17 - Quarter 1
Total Number of Planning Applications	195			
Approved and Delegated				
Percentage Approved	98.8%		97.1%	97.7%
Percentage Delegated	97.7%		98.3%	96.8%
	Total Number of Decisions	Average Time (Weeks)	Average Time (Weeks)	Average Time (Weeks)
All Major Developments	2	19.3	21.6	39.3
Without Legal Agreement	2	19.3	16.5	26.4
With Legal Agreement	0	-	31.9	59.3
All Local Developments	139	9.0	8.2	8.9
Without Legal Agreement	139	9.0	8.2	8.6
With Legal Agreement	0	-	-	27.9
EIA Developments	0	-	-	95.0
Other Consents	32	7.7	6.2	9.2
Local Developments (Non-Householder)	54	11.2	9.0	10.9
Householder Developments	85	7.6	7.5	7.1
Housing Developments - Major (>50 houses)	1	23.0	16.5	48.3
Housing Developments - Local (<50 houses)	11	11.5	9.7	12.7
Business & Industry - Major (>2 hectares)	0	-	-	16.8
Business & Industry - Local (<2 hectares)	5	16.7	-	8.6
Decision Making: Applications subject to				
Planning/Legal Agreements	0	-	31.9	31.8
Local Reviews	0	-	16.1	10.7
Processing Agreements				
	Total number of decisions			
Major Applications	0			
Local Applications	0			
EIA Developments	0			
Other Applications	0			
Decision Making: Local Reviews and Appeals				
	Total number of decisions			
Local Reviews	0			
Appeals to Scottish Ministers	0			
Enforcement Activity				
	Number			
Cases Taken Up	5			
Notices Served	0			
Reports to Procurator Fiscal	0			
Prosecutions	0			