

Subject: Annual Performance Report 2017/18 for Economic Development

Report to: Economic Development Committee - 16 July 2018

Report by: Head of Planning and Growth

SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS

Economic Development Committee is asked to note the Economic Development element of the Annual Performance Report for 2018/19 which (along with elements from other service committees) makes up the Annual Performance Report for 2018/19, which was noted by Policy & Resources Committee on 11 June 2019.

Recommendation

Economic Development Committee is asked to note the Economic Development elements of the annual performance report for 2018/19.

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 During 2018/19 performance measures were reported to Executive Leadership Team and the four service committees on a quarterly basis, with Policy & Resources Committee receiving the whole suite of measures. At the end of the financial year an annual performance report is produced for approval by Policy & Resources Committee.
- 1.2 The other three service committees, including Economic Development Committee, receive a report of their relevant measures.
- 1.3 Detail of how the process has developed over the last few years is given in the Annual Performance Report.

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2018/19

- 2.1 The performance measures are meant to give a comprehensive overview of how the authority as a whole is performing and cover most Council functions.
- 2.2 The tables in the report provide the following information:
 - Description of measure/indicator

- Corporate priority linked by the measure
- 2018/19 outturn figure
- 2018/19 target
- Status (outturn against target)
- 2017/18 outturn figure
- Current performance/trend data
- Short commentary on performance over the year

2.3 There are 10 measures reported in the Economic Development element of the annual performance report. Pleasingly, all are at or above target.

2.4 Executive Leadership Team/ Management Team and the Economic Development Committees through regular reporting have been made aware of the performance of all the measures and areas of concern, including an explanation of the reasons. A number of actions have been implemented to improve performance.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
None

4. RISK IMPLICATIONS
None

5. CONCLUSIONS
None

6. RECOMMENDATIONS
Economic Development Committee is asked to note the Economic Development element of the annual performance report for 2018/19.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS
None

Areas of consideration: e.g. does this report raise any of the following issues and if so how have these been considered/mitigated against?

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	No
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	No
Existing Council Policies:	No
Financial Implications:	No
Legal Implications (including human rights):	No
Risk Implications:	Number of new homes built below Local Plan Core Strategy target. A new Housing Strategy is being produced with clear actions.
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	No
Crime & Disorder:	No
Every Child Matters:	No

2018/19 Annual Economic Development Performance Measures

Progress against targets is assessed by RAG (Red/Amber/Green) ratings and is also assessed in terms of Direction of Travel (DoT) through use of arrows.

Key to 'Status'

RAG status comparing 2018/19 outturn figure against 2018/19 target

-  Performance has met or exceeded target
-  Performance is below target but within tolerance
-  Performance is below target and tolerance

Key to 'Arrows'

The arrows reflect trends in performance between 2017/18 and 2018/19, where applicable.

-  Performance is showing continuous improvement trend, compared to previous years
-  Performance trend is up, compared to previous year
-  Performance trend is no change, compared to previous year(s)
-  Performance trend is down, compared to previous year
-  Performance is showing continuous downward trend, compared to previous years

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Performance Measure	2018/19 Actual	2018/19 Target	Status	2017/18 Outturn	Trend
ED01 - Planning applications: Major applications determined within 13 weeks or as agreed extension	87.5%	75%	G	96.4%	
Commentary: Figure above government baseline figure of 70% of applications to be determined. Beyond the 13 week period applications provision can be made with applicants to extend determination period to allow for satisfactory outcome. Where this provision/agreement cannot be made the applicants have a right to appeal against non-determination. No appeals were made on this basis.					
ED02 - Planning applications: Non Major (Minor or Other) applications determined within 8 weeks or as agreed extension	83.6%	75%	G	77.6%	
Commentary: Overall a consistent performance throughout the year above the Government threshold base targets through last quarter outturn shows slight tail off in performance following loss of staff in quarter three.					
ED03 - Percentage of Major planning applications processed within 13 weeks or as agreed extension over the last 24 months	87.57%	75%	G	95%	
Commentary: Government baseline figure of percentage of applications to be determined in given time scale has changed over the last two years. From previously 60% to 70% March 17 to 70% January 2018 over rolling two year period. The figures have exceeded the figures. Beyond the 13 week period applications provision can be made with applicants to extend determination period to allow for satisfactory outcome. Where this provision/agreement cannot be made the applicants have a right to appeal against non-determination. No appeals were made on this basis.					
ED04 - Percentage of Non Major planning applications processed within 8 weeks or as agreed extension over the last 24 months	81%	75%	G	85.5%	

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ED05 - Percentage of Major planning applications overturned on appeal over the last 24 months	2.27%	10%	G	New measure	N/A
Commentary: One residential application in the past 24 months which was overturned on appeal.					
ED06 - Planning Appeals: Percentage of Non Major Planning applications overturned on appeal over the last 24 months of an authority's total number of decisions on applications	0.3%	9%	G	New Measure	N/A
Commentary: The percentage of appeals allowed is below the national average and is representative of the quality and consistency of decision making.					
ED07 - Building Control: The percentage of building regulation applications where a decision notice is issued within the eight week statutory period.	100%	100%	G	98.1%	
Commentary: The 100% performance target was achieved by ensuring all staff were aware of the procedures and timescale to meet this measure.					
ED08 - Percentage of Land Charges search returns sent within 10 working days.	96%	90%	G	90.34%	

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Commentary: Good outturn for the year as a whole. There were a few mid-season IT problems which took some time to resolve and had an effect on performance. The service is also reliant upon both the County Council and Environmental Services to facilitate turn around within 10 working days. The service is also subject to open market completion from private search companies.					
ED09 - Enterprise Zone: Beacon Park Percentage of empty floor space across Beacon Park	14.20%	15%	G	14.55%	
Commentary: Beacon Park as one of the Councils Enterprise Zones continues to develop and provide quality office and commercial space for businesses. During the 2018/19 year additional new businesses have moved into the Park including the introduction of a Nursery facility with the year end outturn on target.					
ED10 - Number of new homes built	328	300	G	208	
Commentary: 325 dwellings were completed during 2018/19, a pleasing 56% increase on the 208 completions from the previous year. The previous years' under-delivery means, however, that there is still a backlog of housing need and the Council is preparing a Housing Action Plan, to be published by mid-August 2019					