

Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor Paul Moon, Chairman of the Planning Committee	Council	26 January 2023

## Planning Committee: Periodic Report

### 1. Purpose of Report

**1.1** To enable myself as the Chairman of the Planning Committee to inform the Council of the current position on issues being dealt with by the Planning Committee.

### 2. Applications Determined by the Planning Committee

**2.1** Whilst most planning applications are decided under delegated powers, applications of more strategic or local significance or which are likely to be controversial are brought to the Planning Committee for a decision. In addition, those which have been subject to a request to go before the committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution are also determined by the committee. Over the year from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022, approximately 98% of all applications have been decided under delegated powers.

**2.2** Between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022, a total of 1,295 applications of all types were received (of which 38 were defined as 'major' developments). 96 applications were withdrawn or returned. For the same period the previous year 1,444 applications of all types were submitted (47 of which were 'major' developments).

**2.3** Between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022 there have been 10 meetings of the Planning Committee which in total have considered 24 applications. Of those 24 applications, 18 (75%) were subject to a member request under the provisions of the Council's Constitution, although it is considered that some of these could have been brought to the Committee in any event owing to their strategic nature or by reason of their planning history. Of all applications determined by the Planning Committee, one was granted planning permission contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and 5 were refused contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

### 3. Appeals

3.1 Between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022, a total of 33 appeals were decided. Of those 33, 9 appeals (27%) were allowed and 24 appeals were dismissed. The Government monitors the performance of local planning authorities across a number of measures, in relation to appeals, the proportion of decisions on applications that are subsequently overturned at appeal should be no higher than 10% over a two year period.

### 4. Other Matters for Information

4.1 Throughout 2022 there have been considerable staffing changes within the Development Management Service. There has been a new Head of Service, a new Development Manager and other changes bringing planning enforcement matters under the same management as development management. Looking forward there will be a number of key documents reviewed including the Scheme of Delegation around the 'call-in' procedure and the 'Local Code of Good Practice for Councillors and Officers Involved in the Planning Process' as well as a considerable training programme commencing after May 2023.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	No financial implications arising from this report.
Legal	No legal implications arising from this report.

#### **Other risks/implications: checklist**

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

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In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a 'privacy impact assessment (PIA)' is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a third party) a PIA will need to have been completed and signed off by Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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<b>List of background papers:</b>		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

### List of appendices

None