

Report to:

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Relevant Officer:

Susan Parker, Head of Development Management

Date of Meeting:

25 July 2023

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS PERFORMANCE FOR 2022/2023

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To update the Committee of the Council's performance in relation to Government targets. This report reflects overall performance over the 2022-2023 financial year.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the report.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To provide the Committee with a summary of performance.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None the report is for information only.

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priorities are both 'The Economy: maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool' and 'Communities: creating stronger communities and increasing resilience'.

6.0 Background Information

6.1 The Government sets targets for the speed of planning decisions.

- Major applications – 60% to be determined within 13 weeks or an agreed Extension of Time.
- Non-major applications – 70% to be determined within 8 weeks or an agreed Extension of Time.

6.2 The Council's performance must be reported to Government on a quarterly basis.

6.3 For the 2022-2023 financial year, the Council's performance in terms of speed was as follows:

- Major applications – 94.7% determined within 13 weeks or an agreed Extension of Time.
- Non-major applications – 85.0% determined within 8 weeks or an agreed Extension of Time.

6.4 The Council therefore exceeded the statutory targets for 2022-2023.

6.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.