



PLANNING AND ACCESS COMMITTEE

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SUBMITTED BY:	Director of Rural Development and Planning
SUBJECT:	Planning Performance Framework 7 2017/2018: Feedback from Scottish Government

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1 SUMMARY AND REASON FOR PRESENTATION

1.1 This paper provides Members with feedback from the Scottish Government on our 7th annual Planning Performance Framework (PPF) Report, which was submitted in June 2018 and reported to this committee on 29th October 2018.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That Members:

1. **Note** the content of this report.

3 PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 7 FEEDBACK

3.1 The Scottish Government provides feedback to each local planning authority on their PPF report each year. They provide a table marking performance against 'Key Markers'. The highlights for last year's report (PPF 7 2017/18), are summarised in the table below:

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

3.2 Overall we have maintained the same number of ‘green ratings’ as for the previous year and, for the second year running, no ‘red ratings’. The background to the four ‘amber ratings’ is as follows:

- 1) Decision making timescales: There was an improvement in performance for householder applications (7.5 weeks during 2017-18 (Scottish average was 7.3 weeks) compared with 10.5 weeks in 2016-17), and an improvement in Local (non-householder) development (12.5 weeks during 2017-18 (Scottish average was 10.7 weeks) compared with 13.1 weeks in 2016-17). Amber rating was given as, although applications were determined more quickly, they still took longer than the Scottish average.
- 2) Continuous improvement: an amber rating was given as the evidence on the project management of the Local Development Plan was not clear enough.
- 3) Development plan scheme: this is related to 2) above – Although illustrated in our published Development Plan Scheme, it was not stated clearly enough in the PPF report how we are projecting managing the Local Development Plan to ensure it remains on course for adoption within 5 years. Next year we will ensure we include material from the Development Plan Scheme within the actual PPF report.
- 4) Stalled sites/legacy cases: Legacy cases are live planning applications which remain undetermined after one year. Two such cases were cleared during the reporting year, with 23 cases still awaiting conclusion. In recognising that this is a relatively high number we have set one of our service improvement commitments from 2018-19 to: *‘Further develop mechanisms to target and reduce the number of legacy cases running at any one time’*. The reason for the recorded jump in cases over a year old is largely attributed to eight linked applications for new housing development by a single land owner. These require to be considered as a package taking account of the policy provision of the West Loch Lomond Rural Development Framework. An as yet unresolved issue with one of the applications has resulted in the continuance of all eight.

3.3 The improved decision making timescales has been facilitated through restructuring of Development Management into two sub-teams: the Performance and Support team focussing

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on householder and local (non-householder) applications; and the Implementation team focussing on larger more complex applications, monitoring and enforcement.

- 3.4 The table in Appendix 3 shows the feedback on all planning authorities across Scotland, and the total number of red and amber ratings for each. As you can see from this table, our performance is overall positive in comparison and similar to some other local authorities, especially in terms of Marker 1 – Decision Making, Marker 6 – Continuous Improvement and Marker 14 – Stalled Cases columns which have a high number of amber and red ratings.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The feedback on the PPF report is overall positive with only four areas identified for improvement. This is despite the numbers of planning applications being received remaining high. The next PPF document shall be prepared for submission in July 2019.

List of Appendices: **Appendix 1 Planning Performance Framework 7 (2017 – 2018)**
<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/rr-content/uploads/2018/10/PPF-2017-final.pdf>

Appendix 2 Planning & Access Committee Agenda Item 8 29th October 2018

http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/rr-content/uploads/2017/11/Planning_20181029_Agenda8_PPF-2017.pdf

Appendix 3 PPF 7 Feedback, all planning authorities

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	Marker 1 - Decision making		Marker 2 - Processing agreements		Marker 3 - Early collaboration		Marker 4 - Legal Agreements		Marker 5 - Enforcement charter		Marker 6 - Continuous Improvement		Marker 7 - Local Development plan		Marker 8 - Development plan scheme		Marker 9 - Elected members		Marker 10 - Cross sector stakeholders		Marker 11 - Reg & Proportionate Policy Advice		Marker 12 - Corporate working across services		Marker 13 - Sharing good practice, Skills and knowledge		Marker 14 - Stalled sites/legacy cases		Marker 15 - Developer contributions		Red	Amber	
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