

Scottish Government

Planning Performance Framework

Performance Feedback Markers Report 2016/17

PERFORMANCE MARKERS REPORT 2016/17

Name of planning authority: **Dundee City Council**

The High Level Group on Performance agreed a set of performance markers. We have assessed your report against those markers to give an indication of priority areas for improvement action. The high level group will monitor and evaluate how the key markers have been reported and the value which they have added.

The Red, Amber, Green ratings are based on the evidence provided within the PPF reports. Where no information or insufficient evidence has been provided, a 'red' marking has been allocated.

No.	Performance Marker	RAG rating	Comments
1	Decision-making: continuous reduction of average timescales for all development categories [Q1 - Q4]	Green	<p>Major applications Your timescales of 22.3 weeks are slower than the previous year but are faster than the Scottish average of 37.1 weeks. RAG = Amber</p> <p>Local Non-householder applications Your timescales of 7.9 weeks have improved since the previous year and are faster than the Scottish average of 11.1 weeks. RAG = Green</p> <p>Householder applications Your timescales of 6.9 are have improved since the previous year and are faster than the Scottish average of 7.3 weeks. RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Green</p>
2	<p>Processing agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> offer to all prospective applicants for major development planning applications; and availability publicised on website 	Green	<p>You continue to promote the use of processing agreements. RAG = Green</p> <p>Availability is publicised on the website. Please provide a link in future reports. RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Green</p>
3	<p>Early collaboration with applicants and consultees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> availability and promotion of pre-application discussions for all prospective applications; and clear and proportionate requests for supporting information 	Green	<p>The percentage of pre-application discussions taking place has dropped in the last year but you maintain your commitment to offering them. RAG = Green</p> <p>You consider the information requests at pre-application stage remain proportionate, identifying issues that may require further information at an early stage to ensure a proportionate response. RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG – Green</p>

4	Legal agreements: conclude (or reconsider) applications after resolving to grant permission reducing number of live applications more than 6 months after resolution to grant (from last reporting period)	Amber	There were 2 major applications with legal agreements attached and the average time taken was 42.6, which is faster than the national average but significantly slower than last year's figure of 9.7 weeks. There were no local applications with legal agreements attached.
5	Enforcement charter updated / re-published within last 2 years	Green	Your enforcement charter was only 1 month old at the time of reporting.
6	Continuous improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress/improvement in relation to PPF National Headline Indicators; and • progress ambitious and relevant service improvement commitments identified through PPF report 	Green	You have made improvements in 2 out of 3 categories of decision making and are operating better than the national average in all 3. Your LDP and enforcement charter are up to date. RAG = Green You have either completed or progressed your commitments from last year. Your SIPS for 2017/18 are ambitious and focussed on customer service. RAG = Green Overall RAG =Green
7	Local development plan less than 5 years since adoption	Green	Your development plan was 3 years and 4 months old at the time of reporting.
8	Development plan scheme – next LDP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on course for adoption within 5 years of current plan(s) adoption; and • project planned and expected to be delivered to planned timescale 	Green	Your development plan scheme remains on track for adoption within 5 years of the current plan. RAG = Green Your replacement LDP is project planned to ensure it is prepared efficiently and within the required timescale. RAG = Green Overall RAG = Green
9	Elected members engaged early (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – <i>if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year</i>	N/A	
10	Cross sector stakeholders* engaged early (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – <i>if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year</i> <i>*including industry, agencies and Scottish Government</i>	N/A	
11	Regular and proportionate policy advice produced on information required to support applications.	Green	You state in your PPF that your information requests are proportionate and that you regularly review briefs and supplementary guidance to support efficient decision making.
12	Corporate working across services to improve outputs and services for customer benefit (for example: protocols; joined-up services; single contact arrangements; joint pre-application advice)	Green	The Housing Initiative Group provides a good example of corporate working – delivering an authority wide perspective on development needs in the area.
13	Sharing good practice, skills and knowledge between authorities	Green	This is well evidenced. Whilst there is the usual sharing between HOPS and the improvement service you also hold joint training sessions with neighbouring authorities to share best practice.

14	Stalled sites / legacy cases: conclusion or withdrawal of old planning applications and reducing number of live applications more than one year old	Amber	Whilst you have cleared 4 legacy cases you had none left at the end of the last reporting period, so a further 6 have been created during the period with 2 outstanding.
15	Developer contributions: clear and proportionate expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set out in development plan (and/or emerging plan); and • in pre-application discussions 	Amber	You have produced Supplementary Guidance on developer contributions which assist in establishing costs. RAG = Green Legal agreements are set out from the outset of the planning application, but is not stated that contribution requirements are discussed at pre-application stage RAG = Amber Overall RAG = Amber

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Performance against Key Markers

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

Overall Markings (total numbers for red, amber and green)

	Red	Amber	Green
2012-13	3	2	8
2013-14	0	4	9
2014-15	0	1	14
2015-16	0	0	15
2016-17	0	3	10

Decision Making Timescales (weeks)

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17 Scottish Average
Major Development	23.7	12.5	13.1	12.5	22.3	37.1
Local (Non-Householder) Development	8.6	8.4	8.3	9.1	7.8	11.1
Householder Development	5.7	6.8	7.2	7.1	6.9	7.3