

Appendix 6 - 2022/23 Q3

PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

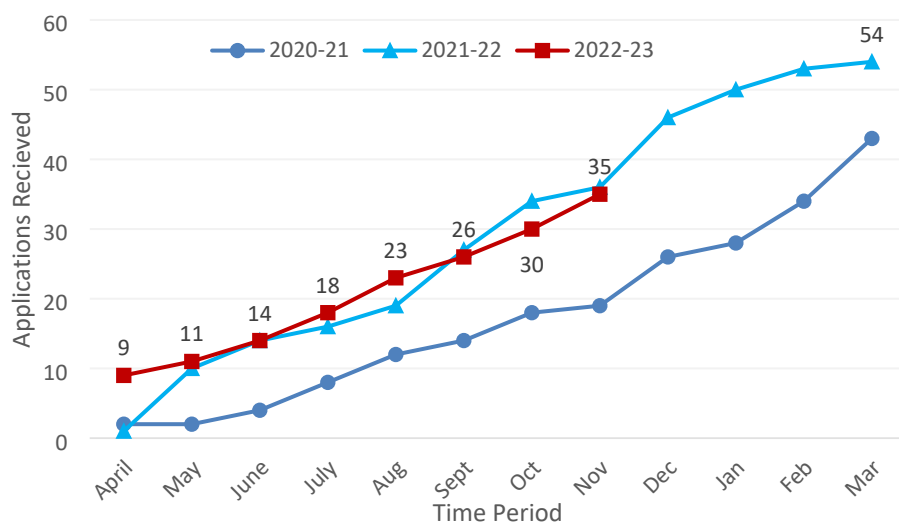
Cabinet Member: Councillor Paul Fuller

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Island Planning Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Planning Applications
- Planning Appeals
- Planning Enforcement
- Trees and Landscape Protection
- Building Control and Inspection

Performance Measures

Number of major planning applications received



Aim: Not Applicable

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

Most Recent Status: December 2022

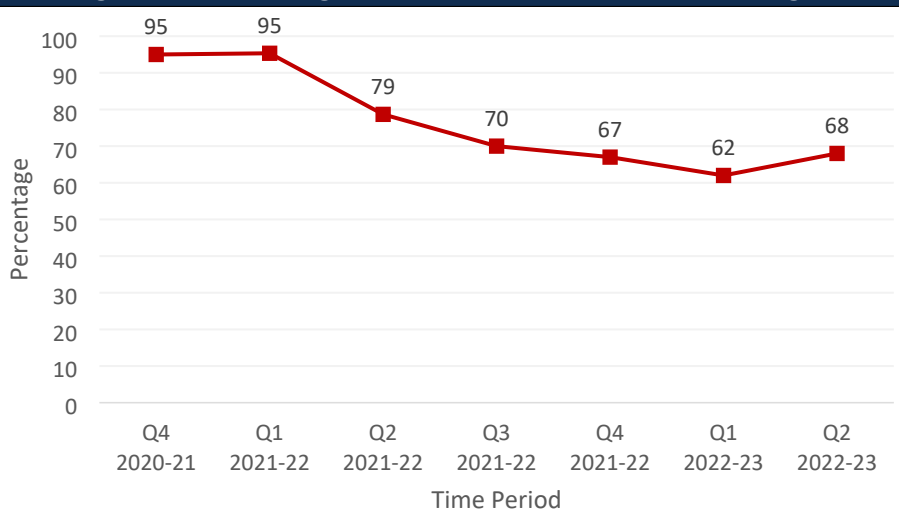
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- The number of major planning applications received up to the end of November is in line with those received within the same period last year (35 in 2022-23 and 36 in 2021-22), and nearly twice those received the year before (19 in 2020-21) during the pandemic.

Percentage of all planning applications processed within agreed timescales



Aim: The percentage of planning applications processed within agreed timescales is at/above 95 percent

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 12

Most Recent Status: September 2022

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Previous Status: March 2022

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- Please note, this graph does not include agreed upon extensions of time, which affects the percentage considered as 'on-time'
- Through 2021-22 there was a downward trend in the percentage of applications processed within timescales, but this is now beginning to pick up in 2022-23. The IWC target of applications is 95

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percent, however we are within minimum government thresholds before intervention (60 percent for major and 70 percent for non-major over a two-year rolling period)

- Overall, as of December, 94 percent of planning applications (including those without a mutually agreed timescale) were dealt with according to agreed timescales:
 - Total Decisions issued in Q3: 302
 - Q3 Decisions in time: 284
 - Q3 Decisions out of time: 18
- Data on the breakdown between major, minor, and other planning applications will be available as part of the quarter 4 report
- Below is the breakdown of applications by timescales where appropriate

Application Type	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
26 weeks (all)	93	88	88	88	88	87	88	87	TBC
13 weeks (major)	0	80	100	50	50	50	100	50	TBC
8 weeks (non-major)	95	86	93	91	94	95	89	92	TBC

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 9:

A Steering Group, consisting of internal and external representation has been formed and is meeting regularly. Terms of Reference have been agreed and the Group will drive the improvements that need to be implemented. Priorities have been identified from the 50+ actions/ recommendations in the Peer Review report.

The Steering Group has identified four key work areas to prioritise

- Progressing the local plan
- Improving our pre-application advice offer
- Improving our Development Management function
- Improving our Enforcement function.

The Group is clear that there should be an overarching core principle of improving trust, learning and customer service that should be at the heart of how the four key work areas are achieved. A working document call 'Route Map' to Delivering Improvements is in the process of being prepared. An update will be provided to the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration on 6 January.

The Draft Island Planning Strategy (IPS) went to Corporate Scrutiny (CSC) on 6 September, where four of the six recommended changes to the plan were agreed. The Draft IPS then went to Cabinet on 8 September where by 8 votes to 1, Cabinet agreed to accept the 4 recommendations from CSC, together with a further recommendation relating to public sector land in Newport as a future regeneration opportunity and recommend to Full Council that the Draft IPS be taken forward.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council was arranged for 5 October where the Cabinet recommendation to agree to publish and submit the Draft IPS fell by 18 votes to 16. The reasons why Full Council were returning the Draft IPS to Cabinet were discussed and confirmed at the next Full Council meeting on 16 November. Full Council's decision gives clarity over the issues that Cabinet (and officers) will need to consider for the next steps of the IPS.

On 22 December the Government published a consultation on the content of the National Planning Policy Framework and wider changes to the Planning system. Several the proposed changes will have a significant impact on the preparation of the IPS and the timescales for doing so. Officers and the Portfolio Holder are in the process of understanding the content of the consultation and their implications.

A report was prepared for the Housing Members board meeting on 25 October to provide an update on progress with marketing and delivery of 3 brownfield sites in line with grant requirements. It recommended that the following decisions were approved:

- to confirm that all three sites (Berry Hill, Weston School, Thompson House) should progressed to deliver a compliant scheme in line with the BLRF grant conditions.
- to note that offers from RPs may be received and confirm that this is acceptable.

- and to confirm that demolition of Thompson House should be progressed.

No decisions were made at the meeting and it was agreed that the offers/bids were to be further refined, understood, and presented to the next meeting in December.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11:

A new Enforcement Officer was recruited and started on 1 November 2022. This has already resulted in a significant reduction in the number of cases received, but not allocated to an officer - from 104 cases in mid-October to 46 at the end of November.

Strategic Risks

N/A