Planning Committee

10.00am, Monday 15 June 2015

Corporate Performance Framework - Performance for October 2014 – March 2015

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Executive summary

This report provides an update on Council performance against Planning strategic outcomes. The report is presented in line with an update on the Council's Performance Framework approved by Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in June 2014 and contains analysis of performance covering the period from October 2014 to March 2015.

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Recommendations

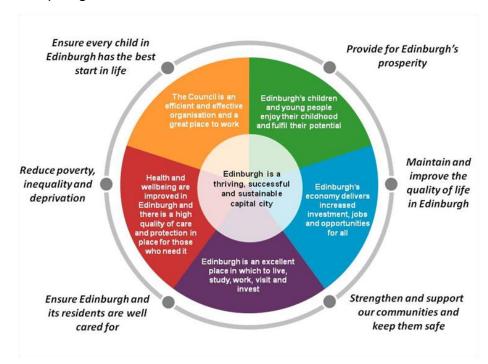1.1 It is recommended that the Planning Committee notes the performance for the period from October 2014 to March 2015.

Background

2.1 The ['Review of political arrangements'](#) report to the City of Edinburgh Council on 24 October 2013 approved a number of revisions to committee business. It was agreed by Council that performance monitoring, review and scrutiny will be led by the Executive Committees on a bi-annual basis with oversight by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee.

2.2 This report provides an update on performance for planning for the period October 2014 to March 2015.

Main report

3.1 The Council's Performance Framework is set out in the diagram below and takes account of the Council's vision, five strategic outcomes and the six key Capital Coalition pledges.

3.2   This report provides performance update under the Council outcome shown above: Edinburgh is an excellent place to live, study, work, visit and invest.

3.3   The Corporate Dashboard in Appendix 1 provides an overview of performance in meeting these Council outcomes from October 2014 to March 2015. Further detailed information by indicator is provided in Appendix 2.

Measures of success

4.1   This report provides detail on Council performance against delivery of planning outcomes for the period from October 2014 to March 2015.

Financial impact

5.1   The financial impact is set out within the Council's Performance Framework.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1   Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact is integrated within the Council's Performance Framework.

Equalities impact

7.1   Reducing poverty, inequality and deprivation is integrated within the Council's Performance Framework.

Sustainability impact

8.1   The sustainability impact is set out within the Council's Performance Framework.

Consultation and engagement

9.1   Priorities and outcomes have been developed in consultation with stakeholders.

Background reading / external references

The Council's Performance Framework approved by Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 10 June 2014.

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Appendix 1: Dashboard October 2014 – March 2015

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Directors notes:

The Planning Service is progressing with the preparation of the new Local Development Plan to guide place making activity as development proposals are submitted. The growth in the number of planning applications and building warrants is evidence of an upturn in development activity and an opportunity to use new investment in the City's buildings and spaces to deliver improved quality. In parallel, the consolidation of planning guidance for developers has seen new design guidance approved during the past year.

	Oct-Dec 14	Jan-Mar 15	Target
% of non-householder planning applications dealt with within 2 months	55.2%	59.7% 🔴	80%
% of householder planning applications dealt with within 2 months	89%	89.8% 🔺	90%
% of major applications decisions within target	70.8%	62.5% 🔴	80%

Appendix 2: Corporate Dashboard Indicator Detail
August 2014 – January 2015

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Indicator	Oct-Dec 14	Jan-Mar 15	Target	Status	Latest Note
% of non-householder planning applications dealt with within 2 months	55.2%	59.7%	80%	🛑	The number of non-householder applications has increased by 5.8% from 2013-14 and 12.1% from 2012-13. Non-householder applications can raise quite complex issues. They can include local housing developments of up to 49 houses, changes of use and detailed applications to deal with conditions on planning permission in principle. Many of these applications require consultations and raise citizen objections which need to be addressed. Dealing with these complex issues to get them right is a priority but presents challenges to meet timescales in the context of a continuing increase in the number of planning applications. The March 2015 performance of 66% shows some sign of improvement and ongoing monitoring shows that this improvement is being sustained.
% of householder planning applications dealt with within 2 months	89%	89.9%	90%	⚠️	The number of householder applications has increased by 2.1% from 2013-14 and 10.2% from 2012-13. The March 2015 performance of 94.1% indicates the service is getting performance back on track and this will be closely monitored.
% of major applications decisions within target	70.8%	62.5%	80%	🛑	8 major applications were decided in this quarter, 4 with processing agreements (PPAs) and 4 without. One of the cases with a PPA missed the target date. It raised complex and controversial issues about student housing and missed the Committee date by 2 weeks. There were 2 applications which missed the 4 month determination deadline. One of these applications was determined quickly but then the applicant wanted to vary the developer contribution requirement so it had to return to Committee for agreement – this change by the applicant delayed the decision being issued. The other case which missed its target raised complex flooding issues which needed to be resolved before the application could go to Committee. Such complexities are normal when dealing with major applications and no remedial actions are needed at this stage.

Key					
🛑	PI is below target and tolerances.	⚠️	PI is below target but within tolerances.	✅	On target.

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