

Business Bulletin

Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday, 19 April 2023

Planning Committee

Convener:	Members:	Contacts:
<p>Councillor James Dalgleish</p> 	<p>Councillor Alan Beal Councillor Chas Booth Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron Councillor Neil Gardiner Councillor Euan Hyslop Councillor Tim Jones Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan Councillor Joanna Mowat Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill Councillor Hal Osler</p>	<p>Jamie Macrae / Taylor Ward Committee Services jamie.macrae@edinburgh.gov.uk taylor.ward@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>David Givan Chief Planning Officer and Head of Building Standards david.givan@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

Conservation and Adaptation

Officers have been progressing work in response to the motion on 'Conservation and Adaptation' agreed by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 2 November 2022. The motion sought to gather the views of the city's residents on what the additional challenges are for residents who live in listed buildings and/or conservation areas to adapt their homes in response to climate change and the cost of living crises.

An online public consultation covering this was launched in March and will run for a period of 10 weeks. The responses to the consultation will be analysed and a short-term working group comprising Planning Officers, Councillors, relevant bodies with an interest in the historic environment, energy saving or fuel poverty and residents will be established. The short-term working group will consider the feedback from the consultation and discuss the challenges and possible solutions, including the potential impact if change is required on the cultural heritage value of the city's listed buildings and conservation areas. A report on the analysis of the consultation responses and the discussions of the short-term working group, including conclusions and next steps, will be presented to Committee in Autumn 2023.

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Planning Officer

Planning Performance

Performance for Q4 2022/23 is overall similar to the previous quarter. While there have been some increases in the timescales to determine some types of applications, there have also been decreases for other types. Appendix 1 sets this out in detail.

The introduction of National Planning Framework 4 as part of the Council's development plan has taken considerable officer time to implement, with additional assessment required against the new policies and training that has been implemented. Against this backdrop the relatively stable performance for Q4 is considered positive.

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Building Standards Performance

The Building Standards section has improved in performance over the last 12 months and has achieved the 95% and 90% national targets for issuing first reports and

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granting building warrants on time respectively. The National Customer Survey rating has increased to 7.2 in the last quarter, which is above the national target of 7.0 and is the highest rating for the section in over eight years. This is a significant achievement. The section has created and recruited four Modern Apprentices and staff across the section are actively involved in the mentoring and training of these four new members of staff. All of this is part of the longer-term succession planning for Building Standards to create opportunities for staff to develop their career in Building Standards.

Building Standards continues to be actively involved with colleagues in Scottish Government and partner local authorities, developing improvements in service delivery which were identified in the Cole Report and the Dame Hackett enquiry. Outcomes from these working groups are expected to start coming into effect later this year.

	2022/23			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of first reports	1,295	1,005	1,192	1,180
% issued within 20 day target	90%	91%	91%	95%
Number of warrants granted	1,374	1,144	1,248	1,168
% issued within 10 day target	91%	92%	90%	92%%

City Plan Update

Following the confirmation of the appointment of Reporters, the conclusion of the first stage of the Examination (Report of Conformity with the Participation Statement) and the commencement of the second stage of Examination (of the unresolved Representations and Council responses), the Council awaits the first Further Information Requests from the Reporter.

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