	Belfast City Council	PLANNING COMMITTEE	
Date:		Tuesday 17 January 2017	
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Is this report restricted?		Yes No x	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?		Yes X No	
1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues		
	The purpose of the paper is to provide an update on planning performance up to 31 December 2016.		

Overall numbers of applications validated this year are up 19% (1,279 up to

31 December 2016 compared to 1,564 up to 31 December 2016)

Number of decisions issued to date is up 36% over the same period in

2015.(1006 up to 31 December 2015 compared to 1574 up to 31 December

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Recommendation

Main Report

Applications

Decisions

2016)

95% approval rate

Members are asked to note the current performance.

121 applications validated in December 2016.

129 decisions issued in December 2016.

No of applications in system by length of time

1,062 live apps in system at end of December 2016

63% of applications in system less than 6 months

89% decisions issued under delegated authority

 Outstanding legacy applications are now less than 38. (from 780 at transfer in April 2015).

Performance against statutory Targets (figures available from department up to 30 November 2016)

- The statutory target for processing major development planning applications
 from the date valid to decision issued or withdrawal date is within an average
 of 30 weeks. Up to 30 November 2016 the average processing time to decide
 major applications in BCC was 65.2 weeks. This, however, includes legacy
 applications and those Major applications which have been delayed whilst a
 Section 76 agreement in put in place.
- The statutory target for processing local development planning applications from the date valid to decision issued or withdrawal date is an average of 15 weeks. Up to 30 November 2016, the average processing time to decide local applications in BCC was 14.6 weeks.
- The statutory target is that 70% of all enforcement cases are progressed to target conclusion within 39 weeks of receipt of complaint. Between 1 April and 30 November 2016, 76.6% of enforcement cases were concluded within 39 weeks.

4.0	Financial and Resource Implications	
4.1	N/A	
5.0	Equality or Good Relations implications	
5.1	N/Δ	