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Priority	2016/17 target	Action	Lead	By when	Progress
Processing planning applications	Improve performance in processing of planning applications to meet statutory targets	Review DM policies and processes in line with Best Practice	Ed Baker	Quarter 4	 Letter issued to Dfl seeking agreement on local validation lists Development of model planning conditions underway. Internal validation and consultation checklists being prepared
		Review performance and reporting framework	• Ed	• 2017 Quarter 1	Reporting framework updated and evolving. Meeting with Dfl and Heads of Planning to consider the introduction of new KPIs.
		Eliminate legacy backlog	• Ed	Quarter 4	<38 outstanding legacy application transferred from DoE. Work continuing on eliminating Legacy applications
		Review Delegation Scheme	• Ed	Quarter 4	Workshop held with elected members on 15/12/16. Revised delegation scheme to be presented to Committee in January 2017.
		Review Committee Operating Protocol	• Ed	Quarter 4	Feedback from "critical friend" on operation of Committee to be reviewed
		Develop Pre Application Charging framework	• Ed	Quarter 4	Draft Charging framework agreed at Committee 13/12/16. Consultation workshop with industry to be arranged early in New Year.
		Implement Planning Performance Agreements	• Ed	Quarter 4	 Work continuing on finalising arrangements for PPAs. Potential for 1st PPA to be in place in New Year subject to final arrangements (Sirocco)
		Implement Audit recommendations		Quarter 4	➢ Ongoing
Enforcement	Process enforcement cases to meet	Implement Enforcement Charter	• Ed	Quarter 1	> Implemented
	statutory target	Adopt a proactive approach to enforcement	• Ed	Ongoing	Public consultation on removal of deemed consent closed 9 Dec. Responses now being analysed.
Corporate Working	Support Council priorities and objectives	Implement revised arrangements for advertisement of planning	• Ed	• Quarter 1 2017	> Tender process underway
		applications Implement Section 76 framework	• Ed	• Quarter 1 2017	 External consultant commissioned to provide economic information. Party briefings arranged for January 2017
		Development of Section 76 monitoring strategy	• Ed	• Quarter 1 2017	➤ Ongoing
		Review the use of NI Direct for call handling	Jane/Helen	• Quarter 1 2017	Report under preparation on way forward for consideration by SMT in Jan 2017.
		Set up improved monitoring and management of calls and other communications	Jane/Helen	• Quarter 1 2017	➢ Ongoing
		Establish joint reception for Planning and Place	Jane/Helen	Quarter 3	Joint reception established. Revised processes and procedures agreed. Further synergies under consideration
		Ensure corporate team approach to important city-wide project	• Ed	Ongoing	Meeting held with C&N. Revised front ended consultation processes agreed

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ICT Solutions	Provide effective IT system for Planning	 Improve short term operation of Planning Portal Secure effective Planning Portal replacement 	• Ed • Ed	Quarter 4By 2018 or 2019	 Ongoing liaison through Portal governance groups Continuing to examine potential replacement options through participation with DFI sponsored Discovery project. Revised TOR under consideration.
Member Engagement	Provide effective support for members	 Finalise member engagement protocol Implement ongoing capacity building programme 	• Ed	Quarter 4Ongoing	 Draft prepared. Expected to be presented to committee in New Year Workshop on weight given to BMAP and previous planning decisions held with elected members on 15 December 2016
Staff Engagement	Improve engagement and communication with staff	Implement effective engagement framework	• Ed	Quarter 3	 Key messages from management meetings implemented Quarterly team meetings implemented
Customer Engagement	Improve accessibility/understanding of the planning process to all users of the planning system	 Consider options for further customer engagement Finalise and publish service standards Review website and ongoing use of other suitable media 	EdEdEd	Quarter 4Quarter 4Ongoing	 Ongoing Draft being prepared Ongoing. Meeting arranged with corporate comms