	<b>Belfast</b> City Council	PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 6
Date:		Tuesday 14 February 2017
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Is this report restricted?	Yes No	х
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 January 2017.		
2.0	Recommendation		
2.1	Members are asked to note the current performance.		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	Applications  123 applications validated in January 2017.		
	Overall numbers of applications validated this year are up 15% (1687 up to		
	31 January 2017 compared to 1442 up to 31 January 2016)		
	Decisions  156 decisions issued in January 2017		
	<ul><li>156 decisions issued in January 2017.</li><li>92% approval rate</li></ul>		
	<ul> <li>92% decisions issued under delegated authority</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Number of decisions issued to date is up 32% over the same period in</li> </ul>		
	2015.(1184 up to 31 January 2016 compared to 1741 up to 31 January 2017)		
	No of applications in system by length of time  1,024 live apps in system at end of January 2017		
	57% of applications in system less than 6 months		
	Outstanding legacy applications are now less than 29. (from 780 at transfer in		

April 2015).

## Performance against statutory Targets (figures available from department up to 31 December 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 31 December 2016 the average processing time to decide major applications in BCC was 65 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 31 December 2016, the average processing time to decide local applications in BCC was 15 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, 76.7% 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/A