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	Belfast City Council	PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 6	
Date:		Tuesday 16 May 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 30 April 2017.		
	Please note that these figures are internally sourced and not Official Statistics from the Department for Infrastructure and may be subject to change when the Official Statistics are subsequently released.		
2.0	Recommendation		

Members are asked to note the current performance.

197 applications validated in April 2017.

169 decisions issued in April 2017.

198 decisions issued in April 2016

This is down 8% compared to April 2016 (241).

94% decisions issued under delegated authority

60% of applications in system less than 6 months

Outstanding legacy applications is 24. (from 780 at transfer in April 2015).

No of applications in system by length of time1023 live apps in system at end of March 2017

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Main Report

Applications

Decisions

94% approval rate

Performance against statutory Targets (unvalidated management information up to 31 March 2017)

- 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. In Quarter 4 (1 Jan 30 April 2017) the average processing time to decide major applications in BCC was 29.8 weeks. This, however, includes legacy applications and those Major applications which have been delayed whilst a Section 76 agreement in put in place.
- Excluding those applications requiring a Section 76 agreement the average processing time for processing a major application between 1 January and 31 March was 22 weeks.
- 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. In Quarter 4, the average processing time to decide local applications in BCC was 18.2 weeks.
- The statutory target is that 70% of all enforcement cases are progressed to target conclusion within 39 weeks of receipt of complaint. In quarter 4, 68.8% 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	Ν/Δ	