

PERFORMANCE MARKERS REPORT 2017-18

Name of planning authority: **South Lanarkshire Council**

The High Level Group on Performance agreed a set of performance markers. We have assessed your report against those markers to give an indication of priority areas for improvement action. The high level group will monitor and evaluate how the key markers have been reported and the value which they have added.

The Red, Amber, Green ratings are based on the evidence provided within the PPF reports. Where no information or insufficient evidence has been provided, a 'red' marking has been allocated.

No.	Performance Marker	RAG rating	Comments
1	Decision-making: continuous reduction of average timescales for all development categories [Q1 - Q4]	Amber	<p>Major Applications Your timescales of 60.1 weeks are slower than the previous year and slower than the Scottish average of 33.6 weeks. RAG = Red</p> <p>Local (Non-Householder) Applications Your timescales of 11.7 weeks are slower than the previous year and are slower than the Scottish average of 10.7 weeks. RAG = Red</p> <p>Householder Applications Your timescales of 6.6 weeks are slower than the previous year but are faster than the Scottish average of 7.3 weeks. However, this is within the statutory timescale of 8 weeks. RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Amber</p>
2	<p>Processing agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> offer to all prospective applicants for major development planning applications; and availability publicised on website 	Green	<p>You encourage processing agreements for all major developments. The number of applications subject to processing agreement has increased this reporting year. RAG = Green</p> <p>The availability of processing agreements are publicised on your website . RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Green</p>
3	<p>Early collaboration with applicants and consultees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> availability and promotion of pre-application discussions for all prospective applications; and clear and proportionate requests for supporting information 	Green	<p>You provide a pre-application advice service which is promoted through the website and by staff engaging with prospective applicants. Early engagement with applicants and developers is evidenced in the case studies in your report. RAG = Green</p> <p>Requests for supporting information is set out in the pre-application discussions. Your service took part in a pilot scheme to help streamline the way supporting information requests were identified. The above is evidence of a considered approach to supporting information requests. RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Green</p>

4	Legal agreements: conclude (or reconsider) applications after resolving to grant permission reducing number of live applications more than 6 months after resolution to grant (from last reporting period)	Green	No legal agreements were recorded in your official statistics.
5	Enforcement charter updated / re-published within last 2 years	Green	Your enforcement charter was 13 months old at the end of the reporting year.
6	Continuous improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress/improvement in relation to PPF National Headline Indicators; and • progress ambitious and relevant service improvement commitments identified through PPF report 	Amber	<p>Your LDP and enforcement charter are up to date. Clear timescales exist for the adoption of the next LDP. And while progress has been made on reducing the number of legacy cases, your decision making timescales have slowed from last year.</p> <p>RAG = Amber</p> <p>You have completed 9 out of 13 service commitments this reporting year, with 2 partially complete. Your reported case studies include evidence of improvement commitments. Case study 9 (implementation of IDOX) supports a culture of continuous improvement. Ambitious and relevant service improvements were identified for 2018/19.</p> <p>RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Amber</p>
7	Local development plan less than 5 years since adoption	Green	Your LDP was 3 years old at the end of the reporting period.
8	Development plan scheme – next LDP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on course for adoption within 5 years of current plan(s) adoption; and • project planned and expected to be delivered to planned timescale 	Green	<p>LDP2 is on course for adoption. Your minerals LDP is out of date but you are proposing that it will be incorporated into LDP2 and will not be replaced in its own right. In the interim non-statutory planning guidance on minerals was approved in July 2017.</p> <p>RAG = Green</p> <p>Your Development plan scheme demonstrates planned timescales can be achieved. This is updated annually and is subject to scrutiny by stakeholders.</p> <p>RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Green</p>
9	Elected members engaged early (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – <i>if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year</i>	N/A	
10	Cross sector stakeholders* engaged early (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – <i>if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year</i> *including industry, agencies and Scottish Government	N/A	
11	Regular and proportionate policy advice produced on: information required to support applications; and	Green	Supplementary guidance on a range of topics have been approved including comprehensive guidance on design and place and climate change. This is evidenced through the case studies in your report, including one related to tall wind turbines.
12	Corporate working across services to improve outputs and	Green	Your report highlights resource sharing with NHS Lanarkshire and Scottish Power to better understand development needs.

	services for customer benefit (for example: protocols; joined-up services; single contact arrangements; joint pre-application advice)		Corporate management team meetings and council wide computer systems allow for better sharing of processes and a more joined up approach.
13	Sharing good practice, skills and knowledge between authorities	Green	You have included evidence of working with other authorities, including seeking experience of other authorities in the preparation of your development plan and work with other authorities to share SEA best practice.
14	Stalled sites / legacy cases: conclusion or withdrawal of old planning applications and reducing number of live applications more than one year old	Amber	You have cleared 15 cases during the reporting year, with 52 cases still awaiting conclusion. Based on this and last year's figures, 19 reached legacy status during the reporting year. We note that you included strong evidence of working with developers to deliver stalled sites (e.g. case study on residential development at Edinburgh Road, Biggar).
15	Developer contributions: clear and proportionate expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set out in development plan (and/or emerging plan); and • in pre-application discussions 	Green	<p>You have published Supplementary guidance on Community Infrastructure Assessment which explains policy on developer contributions. RAG = Green</p> <p>You discuss developer contributions at the pre-application stage. These discussions benefit the application process and highlight whether contributions from housing sites will be required. RAG = Green</p> <p>Overall RAG = Green</p>

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Performance against Key Markers

Marker		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	Decision making timescales						
2	Processing agreements						
3	Early collaboration						
4	Legal agreements						
5	Enforcement charter						
6	Continuous improvement						
7	Local development plan						
8	Development plan scheme						
9	Elected members engaged early (pre-MIR)		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
10	Stakeholders engaged early (pre-MIR)		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
11	Regular and proportionate advice to support applications						
12	Corporate working across services						
13	Sharing good practice, skills and knowledge						
14	Stalled sites/legacy cases						
15	Developer contributions						

Overall Markings (total numbers for red, amber and green)

2012-13	7	4	4
2013-14	1	4	8
2014-15	1	4	8
2015-16	1	1	11
2016-17	0	3	12
2017-18	0	3	10

Decision Making Timescales (weeks)

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18 Scottish Average
Major Development	86.5	62.4	75.9	45.4	48.6	60.1	33.6
Local (Non-Householder) Development	17.2	18.6	14.9	16.3	11.2	11.7	10.7
Householder Development	8.7	8.0	7.3	7.7	5.3	6.6	7.3