

The All Wales Annual Performance Report 2015-2016

The Annual Performance Report (APR) is a factual public document which outlines how a local planning authority has performed against set indicators identifying what it did well so that this can be shared with others, and what steps might be taken to address areas of performance in need of improvement.

The requirement for an APR was proposed as a result of the "Positive Planning" consultation in December 2013. Welsh Government (WG) consulted on a series of proposals for measuring the performance of key stakeholders in the planning service which includes local planning authorities.

Following adoption of the performance framework indicators in November 2014, local planning authorities must submit an APR every November with the first BCBC report submitted in November 2015 and the second (and latest) report submitted in October, 2016.

A copy of the Minister's (second) All Wales Annual Performance Report for the period 2015-2016 and published in January, 2017 can be found using this link:

<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/planningstats/annual-performance-report/?lang=en>

A copy of the Planning Performance Framework Table for the period is attached at Annex 1.

The report summarises the performance of the Planning Division and the Planning Inspectorate within the WG (section 2) and all 25 LPAs in Wales (section 3) against the agreed indicators over the period April 2015 to March 2016 as well as performance trend over time.

The performance framework is intended to identify examples of good performance by planning authorities in delivering a planning service for Wales, as well as opportunities for improvement.

As mentioned in the Minister's Executive Summary, a clear theme emerging from the performance reports is one of the increasing pressure on the planning system arising from public sector restraint and she is encouraged by the work undertaken by some Local Planning Authorities to standardise resources and share expertise and Planning should play a full part in the discussions relating to greater regionalisation of service delivery.

Broadly, performance against the majority of indicators has improved when compared to the 2014-15 reporting period.

Bridgend's performance is indicated as being generally at or above average across the board for this period.

- ***The LPA had a 5.4 year housing land supply when the average across Wales was 3.9 years (ranked 5 out of 25)***
- ***The LPA took an average time of 60 days to determine all planning applications when the average across Wales was 77.2 days (ranked 2 out of 25)***

- *The LPA had a 80% of appeals dismissed in this period when the all Wales average was 66.5% (ranked 5 out of 25)*
- *The LPA took enforcement action, or a retrospective application was received, within 180 days from the start of the case on 92% of the cases compared to the all Wales average of 72.8% (ranked 1 out of 25)*
- *The LPA took an average of 68 days to resolve enforcement complaints compared to the all Wales average of 210.1 days (ranked 2 out of 25)*

Recommendation:

That the content of the report of the Corporate Director Communities and the Minister's All Wales Planning Performance Report 2015-2016 be noted.

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Background Papers

**ANNEX 1 - PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK TABLE - FINANCIAL YEAR
2015/16**

