

## **The Annual Performance Report**

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. WG worked with the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Planning Officer’s Society for Wales (POSW) to agree a report structure.

Following adoption of the performance framework indicators in November 2014, local planning authorities must submit an APR every November with the first reports due this year on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

A copy of the performance table is attached. This table reports on the performance of all Welsh local planning authorities against the agreed indicators, over the period July 2014 to June 2015. 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. There are a number of anomalies on the statistical table, which are being addressed by Welsh Government, however Bridgend’s performance is indicated as being generally above average across the board for this period.

As well as the statistical information described above the APR contains sections describing the context of the local area, current issues, development plan status and links to other Council strategies, the planning service and its relationship to the Council’s structure, budgets and corporate issues as well as service constraints and user satisfaction.

A draft APR is currently being produced and Members will be updated once the document has been finalised.

The relevant pages on the Welsh Government Web site are available here:-

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

For information

### **Recommendation:**

That the report of the Corporate Director Communities be noted.

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### **Background Papers**

None.

