

Title of Report:	Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework Annual Report 2021/22
Committee Report Submitted To:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 January 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Noting

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council has agreed policies and procedures and decision making is consistent with them
Lead Officer	Head of Planning

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Nil
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an analysis of the Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework Annual Report 2021/22 published 15 December 2022 by the Department for Infrastructure.

2.0 Background

- 2.1** The Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework sets out the reporting arrangements to the Department of Infrastructure which came into effect on 1st April 2019. This is the fourth Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework Bulletin published. The Framework includes the three statutory planning indicators in addition to non-statutory indicators.

3.0 Details

- 3.1** Website link 1 [Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22 | Department for Infrastructure \(infrastructure-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/northern-ireland-planning-monitoring-framework-2021-22) provides a link to the full Framework publication. The Statistical Tables are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2** The Framework provides details on performance across the three statutory targets along with a suite of additional indicators that are intended to provide a more comprehensive assessment of planning activity. Please note that Pre-Application Discussions; Certificates of Lawful Development – Proposed or Existing; Discharge of Conditions and Non-Material Changes, have been excluded from the reports to correspond with official validated statistics published by DFI.
- 3.3** Table 1 below details the performance against each Indicator and how this compares to all 11 Council's performance. Performance against all indicators excluding indicator 5 improved in ranking when compared to the previous year's performance. The number of applications determined by the Planning Committee decreased slightly when compared to the previous year, however, the percentage of Planning Committee decisions that were made against officer recommendation increased significantly and is the highest over the four years of reporting and more than double that of the Northern Ireland average. The percentage of appeal decisions dismissed (agreeing with Council's decision) also significantly increased when compared to the previous year and above the Northern Ireland average. One award of cost was made by the PAC against Council, similar to previous years.
- 3.4** Focus for the next year will be to continue the improvement in processing times and balance this with the issuing of applications and cases in the system over 12 months. Continuity of workforce over the next year is a key component in reducing processing times and caseloads and vacant posts must be filled without delay. The implementation of the new planning Portal in Q3 of the next business year will have an impact on performance as staff familiarise themselves with the new system and resolve any teething problems that arise.

Table 1 Performance

Indicator	Description	2021/22	Rank out of 11 Councils
Indicator 1	Average processing time (weeks) taken to determine major applications	54.6 weeks (NI average 49.8wks)	7 th fastest
Indicator 1.1	Average processing time (weeks) taken to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications)	54.6 weeks (NI average 51.4wks)	6 th fastest
Indicator 2	Average processing time (weeks) taken to determine local applications	18.8 weeks (NI average 17.2wks)	8 th fastest
Indicator 2.1	Average processing time (weeks) taken to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications)	18.6 weeks (NI average 17.0wks)	8 th fastest
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion within 39 weeks	78.8% (NI average 70.4%)	5 th highest
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated	94.6% (NI average 93.1%)	5 th highest
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by Planning Committee Percentage of Committee decisions made against officer recommendation	73 (NI Total 960) 32.9% (NI average 15.8%)	7 th highest 3 rd highest
Indicator 6	Number of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed	77.8% (NI average 69.8%)	3 rd highest
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received in favour of Planning Authority Appeals Commission Number of claims awarded against Planning Authority	0 in favour (NI total 6) 1 against (NI total 4)	4 council's had awards in favour 2 other Councils had awards against

Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Planning Committee **Note** the attached Planning Monitoring Framework Report.

NORTHERN IRELAND PLANNING MONITORING FRAMEWORK 2021/22 STATISTICAL TABLES

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Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22 - Statistical Tables

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	59.0	52.8	61.4	49.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	57.9	52.4	61.4	51.4	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	14.8	14.0	17.8	17.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	<i>12,636</i>	<i>12,151</i>	<i>10,847</i>	<i>13,401</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	14.6	13.8	17.4	17.0	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	<i>12,018</i>	<i>11,610</i>	<i>10,352</i>	<i>12,783</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{8,9}	81.0%	81.4%	69.9%	70.4%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	<i>3,642</i>	<i>4,192</i>	<i>3,029</i>	<i>3,398</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	91.5%	91.2%	92.8%	93.1%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	<i>12,150</i>	<i>11,737</i>	<i>10,473</i>	<i>12,904</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	<i>11,116</i>	<i>10,707</i>	<i>9,715</i>	<i>12,011</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	1,084	1,060	756	960	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	11.9%	11.6%	13.9%	15.8%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	60.7%	68.3%	69.8%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	<i>[x]</i>	<i>178</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	<i>[x]</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	45	12	10	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	36	9	6	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	9	3	4	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 8	The Department to progress regionally significant planning applications (RSD) from date valid to a ministerial recommendation or withdrawal within an average of 30 weeks ^{2,15}	[z]	[-]	[-]	[-]	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Records - Regionally Significant Applications
Indicator 9	Number of applications notified to the Department ^{2,16}	48	96	67	121	Department for Infrastructure, Applications Notified to the Department - Case Management system
Indicator 9	Number of these processed within the period of 28 days ^{2,16}	46	96	67	121	Department for Infrastructure, Applications Notified to the Department - Case Management system

Notes and definitions

1. Major developments have important economic, social and environmental implications. The majority of major applications are multiple housing, commercial and government and civic types of development.

2. Certificates of Lawful Use or Development, Tree Preservation Orders, Non Material Changes, Pre-Application Discussions, Proposal of Application Notices and Discharge of Conditions have been excluded from all application figures.

3. Denotes an existing statutory indicator.

4. The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn (where applicable).

The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

5. Department for Infrastructure is excluded.

6. Applications withdrawn by the applicant prior to the decision notice being issued are excluded from these data.

7. Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.

8. The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence;

a planning application is received; or a case is closed.

9. An enforcement case is concluded when one of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.

10. As each council has an individual scheme of delegation the types of applications that are delegated to planning officers for decision may differ across councils.

11. Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.

12. This indicator excludes appeals against: non-determinations; enforcement notices; conditional grants of planning permission; and those categorised as 'other.'

13. The number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour include claims made by the planning authority where there was a partial or full award and claims made against the planning authority where costs were denied.

14. The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where costs were denied and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.

15. This is an existing Departmental indicator. This indicator was revised for 2019/20 reporting. Please see 'Notes and Definitions' for further information

16. The data reported for 2018/19 for this indicator covers the period 1 August 2018 to 31 March 2019 only. The data reported for subsequent years cover the entire year.

[For further information on each indicator, including the methodology used, please see 'Notes and Definitions'.](#)

Table 2: Antrim and Newtownabbey

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	24.2	24.6	113.4	25.1	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	14	12	5	8	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	24.2	24.6	113.4	25.1	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	14	10	5	8	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	12.4	9.4	12.4	13.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	759	770	569	894	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	12.2	9.2	12.3	13.0	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	729	737	538	852	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	94.0%	98.7%	90.8%	78.3%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	514	532	251	424	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	86.5%	88.5%	91.2%	91.0%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	743	747	543	860	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	643	661	495	783	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	101	87	49	85	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	10	7	4	4	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	9.9%	8.0%	8.2%	4.7%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	83.3%	77.8%	75.0%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	12	9	4	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	10	7	3	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	5	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	3	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	2	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission

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Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	151.0	97.0	57.0	110.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	8	3	9	5	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	116.1	97.0	52.2	110.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	6	3	7	5	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	15.6	15.8	16.8	22.4	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	984	824	833	1,095	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	15.4	15.8	16.2	21.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	941	798	790	1,017	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	76.9%	81.1%	62.0%	41.0%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	442	455	150	417	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	93.7%	92.9%	92.2%	95.7%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	947	801	797	1,022	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	887	744	735	978	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	60	60	60	45	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	3	2	1	1	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	5.0%	3.3%	1.7%	2.2%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	80.0%	25.0%	25.0%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	5	4	4	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	4	1	1	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	1	1	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	1	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	0	1	0	Planning Appeals Commission

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Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	23.6	45.2	54.4	31.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	9	14	15	13	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	38.4	42.4	54.4	31.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	8	12	15	13	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	14.6	14.6	26.4	24.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	1,313	1,198	991	1,440	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	14.2	14.4	26.0	24.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	1,236	1,120	911	1,361	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	80.0%	85.9%	77.7%	86.3%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	425	398	368	313	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	96.1%	95.7%	94.3%	94.5%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,244	1,132	926	1,374	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,196	1,083	873	1,298	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	48	53	52	76	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	6	1	1	1	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	12.5%	1.9%	1.9%	1.3%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	100.0%	33.3%	87.5%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	12	6	8	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	12	2	7	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	4	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	1	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	3	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission

Notes and definitions

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3. Denotes an existing statutory indicator.

4. The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn (where applicable).

The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

5. Department for Infrastructure is excluded.

6. Applications withdrawn by the applicant prior to the decision notice being issued are excluded from these data.

7. Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.

8. The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed.

9. An enforcement case is concluded when one of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.

10. As each council has an individual scheme of delegation the types of applications that are delegated to planning officers for decision may differ across councils.

11. Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.

12. This indicator excludes appeals against: non-determinations; enforcement notices; conditional grants of planning permission; and those categorised as 'other.'

13. The number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour include claims made by the planning authority where there was a partial or full award and claims made against the planning authority where costs were denied.

14. The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where costs were denied and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.

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Table 5: Belfast

Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	41.4	37.0	44.2	31.0	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	23	29	40	27	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	36.4	37.1	43.8	31.0	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	21	28	37	27	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	15.2	14.0	19.2	17.0	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	1,850	1,603	1,370	1,610	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	15.0	14.0	19.0	16.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	1,746	1,539	1,304	1,528	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	86.8%	93.2%	66.2%	83.0%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	577	808	619	481	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	93.4%	92.5%	93.2%	94.5%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,767	1,567	1,341	1,555	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,650	1,449	1,250	1,470	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	118	139	79	101	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	3	3	3	10	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	2.5%	2.2%	3.8%	9.9%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	59.3%	70.6%	66.7%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	27	17	9	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	16	12	6	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	3	2	1	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	2	2	1	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	1	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission

Notes and definitions

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- Denotes an existing statutory indicator.
- The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn (where applicable). The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".
- Department for Infrastructure is excluded.
- Applications withdrawn by the applicant prior to the decision notice being issued are excluded from these data.
- Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.
- The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed.
- An enforcement case is concluded when one of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.
- As each council has an individual scheme of delegation the types of applications that are delegated to planning officers for decision may differ across councils.
- Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.
- This indicator excludes appeals against: non-determinations; enforcement notices; conditional grants of planning permission; and those categorised as 'other.'
- The number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour include claims made by the planning authority where there was a partial or full award and claims made against the planning authority where costs were denied.
- The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where costs were denied and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.

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Table 6: Causeway Coast and Glens**Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22**

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	49.6	74.5	86.2	54.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	12	20	13	16	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	46.6	74.5	86.2	53.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	9	20	13	15	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	21.6	20.0	20.8	18.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	1,238	1,178	941	1,214	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	20.8	19.4	20.6	18.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	1,162	1,099	892	1,147	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	80.1%	87.6%	66.5%	78.8%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	331	315	233	212	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	93.2%	92.0%	91.8%	94.6%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,171	1,119	905	1,162	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,091	1,030	831	1,099	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	93	90	77	73	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	28	14	18	24	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	30.1%	15.6%	23.4%	32.9%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	42.9%	64.7%	77.8%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	14	17	9	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	6	11	7	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	6	3	1	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	5	2	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	1	1	1	Planning Appeals Commission

Notes and definitions

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3. Denotes an existing statutory indicator.

4. The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn (where applicable).

The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

5. Department for Infrastructure is excluded.

6. Applications withdrawn by the applicant prior to the decision notice being issued are excluded from these data.

7. Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.

8. The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed.

9. An enforcement case is concluded when one of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.

10. As each council has an individual scheme of delegation the types of applications that are delegated to planning officers for decision may differ across councils.

11. Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.

12. This indicator excludes appeals against: non-determinations; enforcement notices; conditional grants of planning permission; and those categorised as 'other.'

13. The number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour include claims made by the planning authority where there was a partial or full award and claims made against the planning authority where costs were denied.

14. The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where costs were denied and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.

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Table 7: Derry City and Strabane

Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	154.2	96.0	65.2	51.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	154.2	96.0	65.2	56.9	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	14.1	14.0	14.2	15.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	<i>782</i>	<i>889</i>	<i>795</i>	<i>971</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	14.0	13.6	14.0	15.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>860</i>	<i>769</i>	<i>931</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	53.6%	78.1%	73.3%	77.9%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	86.4%	87.1%	90.9%	92.1%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>871</i>	<i>783</i>	<i>945</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	<i>659</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>712</i>	<i>870</i>	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	119	103	75	77	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	9.2%	25.2%	36.0%	36.4%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	25.0%	100.0%	50.0%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	<i>[x]</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	<i>[x]</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	4	0	4	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	3	0	3	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	1	0	1	Planning Appeals Commission

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- Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.
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- The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where costs were denied and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.

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Table 8: Fermanagh and Omagh

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	22.0	23.4	58.6	110.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	7	7	3	4	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	22.0	23.4	65.3	110.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	7	7	2	4	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	12.2	10.6	15.6	16.4	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	1,095	998	939	1,145	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	12.0	10.2	15.8	16.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	1,050	959	906	1,094	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	84.9%	81.1%	56.6%	60.6%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	259	228	182	213	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	93.2%	93.1%	95.3%	96.2%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,057	966	908	1,098	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	985	899	865	1,056	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	77	70	44	49	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	27	18	13	14	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	35.1%	25.7%	29.5%	28.6%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	70.6%	75.0%	71.4%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	17	12	7	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	12	9	5	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	11	1	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	11	1	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	0	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission

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- Denotes an existing statutory indicator.
- The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn (where applicable). The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".
- Department for Infrastructure is excluded.
- Applications withdrawn by the applicant prior to the decision notice being issued are excluded from these data.
- Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.
- The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed.
- An enforcement case is concluded when one of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.
- As each council has an individual scheme of delegation the types of applications that are delegated to planning officers for decision may differ across councils.
- Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.
- This indicator excludes appeals against: non-determinations; enforcement notices; conditional grants of planning permission; and those categorised as 'other.'
- The number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour include claims made by the planning authority where there was a partial or full award and claims made against the planning authority where costs were denied.
- The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where costs were denied and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.

[For further information on each indicator, including the methodology used, please see 'Notes and Definitions'.](#)

Table 9: Lisburn and Castlereagh**Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22**

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User note: Following feedback from customers the tables have been updated to include some additional data, this is presented in 'italics' in the table below.

Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	78.0	55.2	79.7	106.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	17	6	10	8	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	95.4	66.0	79.7	106.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	14	4	10	8	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	17.7	16.6	23.8	16.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	940	977	875	885	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	16.6	15.8	22.8	15.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	900	931	844	838	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	83.8%	84.5%	83.6%	83.9%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	284	303	244	316	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	92.0%	93.4%	93.8%	95.6%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	914	935	854	846	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	841	873	801	809	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	76	67	57	42	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	12	3	4	2	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	15.8%	4.5%	7.0%	4.8%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	58.3%	83.3%	73.3%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	12	12	15	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	7	10	11	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	1	1	2	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	1	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	0	1	2	Planning Appeals Commission

Notes and definitions

1. Major developments have important economic, social and environmental implications. The majority of major applications are multiple housing, commercial and government and civic types of development.

2. Certificates of Lawful Use or Development, Tree Preservation Orders, Non Material Changes, Pre-Application Discussions, Proposal of Application Notices and Discharge of Conditions have been excluded from all application figures.

3. Denotes an existing statutory indicator.

4. The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn (where applicable).

The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

5. Department for Infrastructure is excluded.

6. Applications withdrawn by the applicant prior to the decision notice being issued are excluded from these data.

7. Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.

8. The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed.

9. An enforcement case is concluded when one of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.

10. As each council has an individual scheme of delegation the types of applications that are delegated to planning officers for decision may differ across councils.

11. Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.

12. This indicator excludes appeals against: non-determinations; enforcement notices; conditional grants of planning permission; and those categorised as 'other.'

13. The number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour include claims made by the planning authority where there was a partial or full award and claims made against the planning authority where costs were denied.

14. The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where costs were denied and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.

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Table 10: Mid and East Antrim

Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	43.2	42.4	39.2	34.7	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	12	8	5	8	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	43.2	42.4	39.2	34.7	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	12	8	5	8	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	7.8	7.6	10.4	9.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	899	745	808	961	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	7.8	7.4	10.4	9.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	877	720	779	945	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	88.2%	88.8%	82.6%	90.5%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	246	250	201	210	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	94.5%	96.0%	97.6%	95.5%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	889	728	784	953	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	840	699	765	910	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	51	27	19	45	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	5	0	1	6	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	9.8%	0.0%	5.3%	13.3%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	69.2%	50.0%	61.5%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	13	6	13	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	9	3	8	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	1	0	1	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	1	0	1	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	0	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission

Notes and definitions

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- Department for Infrastructure is excluded.
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- Local Development planning applications are mostly residential and minor commercial applications received and determined by a council.
- The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed.
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- Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.
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Table 11: Mid Ulster

Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	64.7	73.2	74.1	88.0	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	16	13	6	13	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	64.7	73.3	74.1	88.0	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	16	12	6	13	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	16.9	12.5	16.0	16.6	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	1,460	1,340	1,256	1,462	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	16.6	12.4	15.7	16.2	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	1,397	1,288	1,202	1,410	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	77.4%	90.1%	88.6%	75.2%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	190	171	185	105	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	84.2%	83.2%	86.5%	83.1%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,413	1,300	1,208	1,423	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,190	1,081	1,045	1,183	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	224	221	162	247	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	2	6	4	4	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	0.9%	2.7%	2.5%	1.6%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	100.0%	66.7%	0.0%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	1	6	2	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	1	4	0	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	2	1	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	2	1	0	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	0	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission

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Table 12: Newry, Mourne and Down

Source: Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework 2021/22

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Indicator	Indicator title	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Source
Indicator 1	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine major applications ^{1,2,3,4,5}	76.6	94.0	64.6	44.3	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision^{1,2,5}</i>	7	15	7	6	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 1.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{1,2,4,5,6}	76.6	99.9	64.6	44.3	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 1.1</i>	<i>Number of major applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{1,2,5,6}</i>	7	12	7	6	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2	Average processing time taken (weeks) to determine local applications ^{2,3,4,5,7}	18.0	20.6	19.0	18.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision^{2,5,7}</i>	1,316	1,629	1,470	1,724	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 2.1	Average time taken (weeks) to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications) ^{2,4,5,6,7}	17.2	20.6	18.8	18.8	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 2.1</i>	<i>Number of local applications processed to decision (excluding withdrawn applications)^{2,5,6,7}</i>	1,235	1,559	1,417	1,660	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 3	Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks ^{3,8,9}	52.9%	36.2%	40.9%	48.5%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 3</i>	<i>Number of enforcement cases progressed to target conclusion^{8,9}</i>	206	572	394	544	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal</i>
Indicator 4	Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers ^{2,5,6,10}	91.3%	91.0%	94.3%	93.3%	Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,242	1,571	1,424	1,666	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 4</i>	<i>Number of applications determined under delegated powers^{2,5,6,10}</i>	1,134	1,429	1,343	1,555	<i>Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Number of applications decided by planning committee ^{2,5,6}	117	143	82	120	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 5</i>	<i>Number of applications decided by planning committee against officer recommendation^{2,5,6}</i>	22	43	29	58	<i>Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database</i>
Indicator 5	Percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation ^{2,5,6}	18.8%	30.1%	35.4%	48.3%	Department for Infrastructure Planning Applications to Committee database
Indicator 6	Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed ^{5,11,12}	[x]	50.9%	71.0%	81.0%	Planning Appeals Commission
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	57	31	21	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
<i>Supplementary data Indicator 6</i>	<i>Number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that are dismissed^{5,11,12}</i>	[x]	29	22	17	<i>Planning Appeals Commission</i>
Indicator 7	Number of claims for costs received by the Planning Appeals Commission ¹¹	[x]	7	3	1	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour ^{11,13}	[x]	6	3	1	Planning Appeals Commission
Indicator 7	Number of claims decided against the planning authority ^{11,14}	[x]	1	0	0	Planning Appeals Commission

Notes and definitions

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Appendix 1 - Notes and Definitions

This worksheet contains one table.

Note number	Note text
1	<p>Notes on data sources are listed below - see notes 2 to 6</p> <p>The data presented in this report have been collected from a number of different sources. The Notes on specific indicators (notes 13-24) describes each individual indicator and its data source.</p>
2	<p><u>Source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal <u>Informing:</u> Indicators 1, 1.1, 2, 2.1, 3, 4, 8</p> <p>Data presented in these tables sourced from the Northern Ireland Planning Portal are consistent with the Northern Ireland Planning Statistics 2021/22 National Statistics bulletin, published in July 2022:</p> <p>Northern Ireland Planning Statistics 2021/22</p> <p>The records of all planning applications from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 were transferred in April 2021 from a live database. This included all live planning applications in the Planning Portal. The data were validated by Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch (ASRB) which involved quality checks and inspection of coding of classifications in the Planning Portal. Local councils were provided with their own headline planning statistics as part of the quality assurance process for the Northern Ireland Planning Statistics 2021/22 bulletin. On completion of ASRB and council validation, a final extract was taken in May 2022.</p> <p>In advance of the publication of the Northern Ireland Planning Monitoring Framework bulletin, local councils were again provided with data for their council for each of the relevant indicators sourced from the Northern Ireland Planning Portal, as part of the quality assurance process.</p>
3	<p><u>Source:</u> Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database <u>Informing:</u> Indicators 4, 5</p> <p>This database records all decisions on planning applications taken by planning committees, sourced from published committee meeting minutes. An extract of all records taken to planning committee from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 was taken by ASRB in August 2022. The data were validated by ASRB, which involved quality checks and the removal of duplicate decisions. In advance of this publication, local councils were provided with their own data for the relevant indicators sourced from the Planning Applications to Committee database, as part of the quality assurance process.</p>
4	<p><u>Source:</u> Planning Appeals Commission <u>Informing:</u> Indicators 6, 7</p> <p>Data for these indicators were provided by the Planning Appeals Commission, from their own internal records.</p>
5	<p><u>Source:</u> Department for Infrastructure, Planning Records - Regionally Significant Applications <u>Informing:</u> Indicator 8</p> <p>Data for this indicator were sourced from internal Departmental records. The data were then validated by ASRB prior to analysis. Staff within the Department were provided with the indicator data, as part of the quality assurance process.</p>
6	<p><u>Source:</u> Department for Infrastructure, Applications Notified to the Department – Case Management system <u>Informing:</u> Indicator 9</p> <p>Data for this indicator were sourced from internal Departmental records. The data were then validated by ASRB prior to analysis. Staff within the Department were provided with the indicator data, as part of the quality assurance process. Please note: the recording of notifications to meet the requirements of this indicator began in August 2018, and therefore data for 2018/19 refer to the period 1st August 2018 to 31st March 2019 (inclusive).</p>

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7	<p>Note on Hierarchy of development</p> <p>The Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 provide for a hierarchy of development based on a three-tier classification consisting of regionally significant, major and local.</p> <p>Regionally significant developments (RSD) in effect form the top slice of the major development category and are similar to former Article 31 applications in that they will be determined by the Department. These developments have a critical contribution to make to the economic and social success of Northern Ireland as a whole, or a substantial part of the region. They also include developments which have significant effects beyond Northern Ireland or involve a substantial departure from a local development plan. Applications for these development proposals will be submitted to and determined by the Department. However, the thresholds for RSD may mean that applications which may have previously been dealt with by the Department will now be classified as major development and thus determined by the relevant council. RSD proposals will be subject to pre-application consultation with the community. Note that from 1 May 2020, the requirement to hold a public event as part of the pre-application community consultation was temporarily removed for five months in response to the coronavirus pandemic. This was extended until 31 March 2022.</p> <p>Major developments have important economic, social and environmental implications. Applications for major developments will primarily be dealt with by councils under the new planning system and will be subject to pre-application consultation with the community. Note that from 1 May 2020, the requirement to hold a public event as part of the pre-application community consultation was temporarily removed for five months in response to the coronavirus pandemic. This was extended until 31 March 2022.</p> <p>Local developments will comprise of all other developments (other than permitted development) that do not fall within the classes described for major or for regionally significant developments. They comprise of the vast majority of residential and minor commercial applications to be received and determined by a council.</p>
8	<p>Note on Processing times</p> <p>The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn (where applicable). The average processing time is the median. The median is determined by sorting data from its lowest to highest values and then taking the data point in the middle of the sequence. The median is used because some planning applications can take several years to reach a decision. As a consequence, these extreme cases (outliers) can inflate the mean to the extent that the mean may not be considered as 'typical'. Therefore the median may be taken to better represent the 'average' or 'typical' processing time.</p>
9	<p>Note on Enforcement activity</p> <p>Compliance and enforcement are important functions of the planning system. An enforcement case is opened when there has been an alleged breach of planning control. An enforcement case is concluded when one of the following occurs: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed.</p>
10	<p>Note on Scheme of delegation</p> <p>In accordance with the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act 2014 and Section 31 of The Planning Act (NI) 2011, each local planning authority has a Scheme of Delegation which sets out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · the types of planning application to be delegated to a planning officer for a decision; and · the types of planning application to be presented to the Council Planning Committee for a decision. <p>As each council has an individual scheme of delegation the types of applications that are delegated to planning officers for decision may differ across councils. This should be borne in mind in relation to 'Indicator 4: Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers'.</p>
11	<p>Note on exclusions</p> <p>Certificates of Lawful Use or Development, Tree Preservation Orders, Non Material Changes, Pre-Application Discussions, Proposal of Application Notices and Discharge of Conditions have been excluded from all application figures presented. This applies to indicators 1, 1.1, 2, 2.1, 4, 5, 8 and 9.</p>
12	<p>Notes on specific indicators are listed below - see notes 13 to 24</p>
13	<p><u>Indicator 1: Average processing time taken to determine major applications</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal <u>Description:</u> This measures the average (median) time taken to process major applications to a decision or withdrawal. It is an existing statutory target for each council that their major development planning applications will be processed from the date valid to decision issued or withdrawal date within an average of 30 weeks. This indicator excludes departmental applications.</p>
14	<p><u>Indicator 1.1: Average time taken to determine major applications (excluding withdrawn applications)</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal <u>Description:</u> This measures the average (median) time taken to process major applications to a decision. This indicator excludes departmental applications and applications withdrawn prior to the decision notice being issued.</p>

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15	<p><u>Indicator 2: Average processing time taken to determine local applications</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal <u>Description:</u> This measures the average (median) time taken to process local applications to a decision or withdrawal. It is an existing statutory target for each council that their local development planning applications will be processed from the date valid to decision issued or withdrawal date within an average of 15 weeks. This indicator excludes departmental applications.</p>
16	<p><u>Indicator 2: Average processing time taken to determine local applications</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal <u>Description:</u> This measures the average (median) time taken to process local applications to a decision or withdrawal. It is an existing statutory target for each council that their local development planning applications will be processed from the date valid to decision issued or withdrawal date within an average of 15 weeks. This indicator excludes departmental applications.</p>
17	<p><u>Indicator 2.1: Average time taken to determine local applications (excluding withdrawn applications)</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal <u>Description:</u> This measures the average (median) time taken to process local applications to a decision. This indicator excludes departmental applications and applications withdrawn prior to the decision notice being issued.</p>
18	<p><u>Indicator 3: Proportion of enforcement cases progressed to the target conclusion within 39 weeks</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal <u>Description:</u> The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; legal proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or the case is closed. It is an existing statutory target that 70% of all enforcement cases dealt with by councils are progressed to target conclusion within 39 weeks of receipt of complaint. This indicator excludes departmental enforcement cases.</p>
19	<p><u>Indicator 4: Percentage of applications determined under delegated powers</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database <u>Description:</u> To calculate this indicator, the numerator is the number of applications decided under delegated powers, i.e. those made by a planning officer under the council's Scheme of Delegation, during the reference period. The denominator is the total number of decisions issued on planning applications by the council during the reference period.</p> <p>The total number of decisions issued during the reference period is sourced from the Northern Ireland Planning Portal, in line with figures on decisions issued as published in the Northern Ireland Planning Statistics Official Statistics bulletin.</p> <p>The number of applications decided under delegated powers is calculated by first identifying those applications determined by planning committee, sourced from the Planning Applications to Committee database. Once planning committee decisions have been identified, by default the remainder are marked as delegated decisions.</p> <p>Only applications with a decision issued date within the reference period entered on the Northern Ireland Planning Portal are included in the calculation of this indicator. Therefore committee decisions made during an earlier period but with a decision issued date within the reference period will be included in the calculations. Similarly, committee decisions made during the reference period without a decision issued date within the same period will be excluded.</p> <p>This indicator also excludes departmental applications.</p>
20	<p><u>Indicator 5: Number of applications decided by planning committee and percentage of committee decisions made against officer recommendation</u> <u>Data source:</u> Department for Infrastructure, Planning Applications to Committee database <u>Description:</u> This measures the number of decisions (i.e. approvals or refusals) made by a council's planning committee within the reference period, and the percentage of these decisions that were contrary to the planning officer recommendation. The indicator includes all applications decided by planning committee within the reference period, including those that do not have a decision issued date entered on the Northern Ireland Planning Portal within the same period, and those applications which were subsequently withdrawn following a planning committee decision. Departmental applications are excluded.</p>
21	<p><u>Indicator 6: Percentage of appeals against refusals of planning permission that are dismissed</u> <u>Data source:</u> Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) <u>Description:</u> To calculate this indicator, the numerator is the number of appeals against refusal of planning permission that were dismissed (i.e. the council's decision was upheld) within the reference period. The denominator is the total number of appeals against refusals determined by the PAC during the reference period. This indicator excludes appeals against: non-determinations; enforcement notices; conditional grants of planning permission; and those categorised as 'other' (including advertisements, roads, listed buildings consent). Departmental applications are also excluded.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.</p>

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22	<p><u>Indicator 7: Number of claims for costs received by the PAC and number of claims decided</u> <u>Data source:</u> Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) <u>Description:</u> The indicator measures the number of cost claims and the decision outcome. It measures the number of claims for costs involving the planning authority received by the PAC within the reference period. It then measures the number of instances where a claim was decided in the planning authority's favour, or against the planning authority. The number of claims decided in the planning authority's favour include claims made by the planning authority where there was a partial or full award and claims made against the planning authority where there was no award. The number of claims decided against the planning authority include claims made by the planning authority where there was no award and claims made against the planning authority where there was a partial or full award.</p> <p>As claims for costs are received and decided on different days, the number of claims received and decided within a time period may differ. However, claims for costs are usually received at the end of the appeal process and therefore close to the date the costs are decided.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Data for this indicator are available from 2019/20.</p>
23	<p><u>Indicator 8: The Department to progress regionally significant planning applications (RSD) from date valid to a ministerial recommendation or withdrawal within an average of 30 weeks</u> <u>Data source:</u> Northern Ireland Planning Portal and Department for Infrastructure, Planning Records - Regionally Significant Applications <u>Description:</u> The time to progress to ministerial* recommendation or withdrawal is measured from the date the application was made valid. The median is used for the average processing time, as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical". The calculation of this indicator includes all regionally significant applications progressed to ministerial recommendation or withdrawal within the reference period.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> From 2019/20 onwards, this indicator was revised, therefore reporting in this publication starts from 2019/20. The previous indicator was:</p> <p>Percentage of regionally significant planning applications processed to a ministerial recommendation within 30 weeks (subject to pre-application discussions having taken place and meeting the requirements of relevant Environmental Legislation).</p> <p>Reporting on the revised indicator commenced in the Quarter 1 2019/20 Northern Ireland Planning Statistics bulletin:</p> <p>www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/planning-activity-statistics</p> <p>[*] Or Permanent Secretary in the absence of a Minister</p>
24	<p><u>Indicator 9: Number of applications notified to the Department and the number of these processed within the period of 28 days</u> <u>Data source:</u> Department for Infrastructure, Applications Notified to the Department - Case Management system <u>Description:</u> Under the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and subsequent legislative directions, councils have a duty to notify the Department for particular categories of applications and circumstances before they can grant planning permission or consent.</p> <p>This indicator measures the number of applications notified to the Department within the reference period and the number of these processed within 28 calendar days. The 28 day period is measured from the date the Department receives the notification or, where applicable, the date where all required information from the council is received.</p> <p>In the context of this indicator, a notification is considered processed on the earliest date of the following: the Department has issued a direction to the council requiring unlimited further time to consider whether to refer the application or not; the Department has issued a letter of notification to the council stating that a referral is not required; or the Department has issued a direction to the council referring the application to the Department. Where the 28th day falls on a Sunday or Public Holiday, the next working day is treated as the 28th day.</p> <p>Only notifications received by the Department during the reference period are included in the calculations for this indicator, regardless of what date they are processed.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> The data reported for 2018/19 for this indicator cover the period 1 August 2018 to 31 March 2019 only. The data reported for subsequent years cover the entire year.</p>