




Planning Performance Action Plan- December 2022 onwards



Description	Lead	Notes and Actions	Action Target Date	Status
OBJECTIVE: Identify sufficient sites and supply to demonstrate a 5-year housing land supply				
Ensure that Fareham Borough Council has an adopted up-to-date development plan	Director of Planning and Regeneration Head of Planning Executive	The Fareham Borough Local Plan 2037 was formally adopted by the Council on the 5 April 2023.	April 2023	
Ensure that the Council has a demonstrable 5year supply of housing land	Head of Planning	At the Planning Committee in January 2023, a report was published demonstrating the Council had a 5.49 year supply of housing. As a result of the changes made to the NPPF in December 2023, the Council is not required to publish an annual 5-year housing land supply position as it has an up-to-date adopted local plan.	January 2023	


OBJECTIVE: Ensure Members have best available information for decision making

<p>Ensure Members are aware in advance of major planning applications being reported to the Planning Committee and encourage Members to submit questions in advance</p>	<p>Team Leaders (Development Management)</p>	<p>To provide certainty for Members that they have all relevant information available to them at the time of making their decision. Report to Planning Committee in April 2024 to agree procedure. Implementation within one month of approval by Members.</p> <p>Action referenced in the PAS Planning Committee Review</p>	<p>May 2024</p>	
<p>Use Case Officers to present planning applications at the Planning Committee and ensure the selective attendance of specialist officers where they are better placed to respond to specific technical issues that are likely to be discussed against an item.</p>	<p>Head of Planning</p>	<p>Case Officers have greatest knowledge of the details of the application and likely to be the most familiar with the application site and its surroundings. Highway Engineers, Ecologists, Environmental Health Officers and other specialists to be invited to attend Planning Committee as appropriate.</p> <p>Implemented during second quarter of 2023.</p> <p>Action referenced in the PAS Planning Committee Review 2023.</p>	<p>June 2023</p>	

OBJECTIVE: Ensure Council's Planners aware of all planning appeal decisions, decisions are reviewed, and trends acted on

<p>Ensure that all Members of the Council's Planning Service are aware of all planning appeal decisions shortly after receipt</p>	<p>Head of Planning</p>	<p>Planning appeal decisions typically circulated to Director of Planning and Regeneration, all Development Management Planners, all Planning Strategy Planners and Planning Solicitors (where legal issues or legal representation provided) within 24 hours of receipt.</p> <p>Action implemented pre-December 2022 & ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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<p>Ensure that planning appeal decisions are monitored on a monthly basis by Senior Officers within the Planning Service and any trends are highlighted with the Service</p>	<p>Head of Planning Team Leaders (Development Management)</p>	<p>All planning appeal decisions are discussed between the Head of Planning and the Team Leaders within Development Management and any themes within decisions identified. Themes and necessary actions to address to be highlighted with Planners and Members of the Planning Committee.</p> <p>Action implemented pre-December 2022 & ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Ensure that a spreadsheet is maintained which records the Council's quality of decision making on major planning applications on a monthly/ quarterly/ and 2 yearly basis</p>	<p>Head of Planning</p>	<p>Ensures any trends in decision making highlighted at the earliest opportunity. Implemented in Quarter 1 of 2023 and ongoing.</p>	<p>Ongoing quarterly</p>	

<p>OBJECTIVE: Ensure Planning Committee Members aware of all planning appeal decisions, decisions are reviewed, and trends acted on</p>				
<p>Ensure that all Members of the Planning Committee are aware of all planning appeal decisions shortly after receipt.</p>	<p>Head of Planning</p>	<p>Planning appeal decisions typically circulated to Members of the Planning Committee within 24 hours of receipt.</p> <p>Action implemented pre-December 2022 & ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

Ensure that details of planning appeals and all decisions are regularly reported to the Planning Committee and any trends are highlighted to Members and actions recommended	Head of Planning	Details of all planning appeals outstanding, the decision maker, whether the appeal resulted from an overturned recommendation and all planning appeals decisions received, are reported to every meeting of the Planning Committee. Discussions on the report focus on the decisions received and the reasons why Planning Inspectors decided appeals in the way they did. Action implemented pre-December 2022 & ongoing	Ongoing monthly	
Identify instances with the Planning Committee where costs have been awarded in favour of or against the Council	Head of Planning	Implemented and ongoing. The Planning Committee advised as part of the Planning Appeal report presented each month, where costs have been awarded in favour of or against the Council and the reasons why the Planning Inspectorate found unreasonable behaviour. Action implemented pre-December 2022 & ongoing	Ongoing monthly	
Establish a regular programme for performance reporting to the Planning Committee, using the MHCLG performance statistics to monitor against national government targets.	Head of Planning	Implemented and ongoing. Officers to provide regular reports to the Planning Committee on planning performance using MHCLG performance statistics. Implementation of performance reporting to Planning Committee commenced in third quarter of 2023. Action referenced in the PAS Planning Committee Review 2023.	September 2023 Ongoing quarterly	
OBJECTIVE: Increase Member involvement earlier in the planning process/ ensure Members regularly briefed on existing and emerging planning matters				
Review Council's preapplication service to increase opportunity for member involvement in major proposals.	Head of Planning	This approach will help to increase Members' awareness of major proposals in advance of formal consideration by the Planning Committee. Whilst the involvement of Members in pre-application discussions has increased in the last 12 months, proposals will be presented to the Planning Committee in April 2024, setting out options for increasing Member involvement in pre-application proposals for major proposals. Implementation within one month of approval by Members. Action referenced in the PAS Planning	May 2024	

		Committee Review 2023. The Planning Committee discussed the potential options for Member involvement in pre-application planning proposals and provided comments to Officers for consideration in developing future approaches.		
Introduce a programme of topic-based Planning Committee member training sessions to supplement the existing compulsory training.	Head of Planning	Implemented and ongoing. These sessions will take place throughout the year with a focus post-election. Action referenced in the PAS Planning Committee Review 2023	January 2023	
OBJECTIVE: Officer and Member Governance Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing this Action Plan				
Ensure progress against actions identified within the Action Plan is regularly reviewed	Director of Planning and Regeneration	Director of Planning and Regeneration and Head of Planning to review progress against all actions in the Action Plan on a monthly basis.	March 2024	
	Head of Planning	Formal report setting out progress against the actions in the Action Plan, presented to the Planning Committee on a quarterly basis.		
	Planning Committee	Formal reviews to commence upon approval of the Action Plan.		

Status key: **Green** – Implemented and ongoing

Orange – Partially implemented

Red – Not yet implemented