

## PERFORMANCE MARKERS REPORT 2020-21

Name of planning authority: **Angus Council**

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

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

No.	Performance Marker	RAG rating	Comments
1	<b>Decision-making:</b> continuous reduction of average timescales for all development categories [Q1 - Q4]	Green	<p><b>Major Applications</b> Your timescales of 25.6 weeks are slower than the previous year but faster than the Scottish average of 41.3 weeks. <b>RAG = Amber</b></p> <p><b>Local (Non-Householder) Applications</b> Your timescales of 7.2 weeks are slower than the previous year but faster than the Scottish average of 12.4 weeks. <b>RAG = Green</b></p> <p><b>Householder Applications</b> Your timescales of 5.8 weeks are faster than the previous year, the Scottish average of 8.1 weeks and the statutory timescale. <b>RAG = Green</b></p> <p><b>Overall RAG = Green</b></p>
2	<p><b>Processing agreements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>offer to all prospective applicants for major development planning applications; and</li> <li>availability publicised on website</li> </ul>	Green	<p>Processing agreements encouraged for national, major and significant/complex local developments. <b>RAG = Green</b></p> <p>Council website encourages use of PPAs. <b>RAG = Green</b></p> <p><b>Overall RAG = Green</b></p>
3	<p><b>Early collaboration</b> with applicants and consultees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>availability and promotion of pre-application discussions for all prospective applications; and</li> <li>clear and proportionate requests for supporting information</li> </ul>	Green	<p>You encourage free pre-application advice to all development proposals and have developed a system for the online submission of pre-application enquiries. Introduction of fees delayed in light of pandemic. <b>RAG = Green</b></p> <p>Your LDP and SPG is available online and is referenced in pre-app discussions and advice setting out where and what supporting information is required for development proposals. You also provide detailed conservation advice online and produced topic specific planning advice notes and technical guidance. <b>RAG = Green</b></p> <p><b>Overall RAG = Green</b></p>

4	<b>Legal agreements:</b> conclude (or reconsider) applications after resolving to grant permission reducing number of live applications more than 6 months after resolution to grant (from last reporting period)	Green	Your average timescales for determining local applications with legal agreements are slower than last year however they are faster than the Scottish average. Model planning obligation used to speed up the drafting process; supplementary guidance used to clarify when contributions required.
5	<b>Enforcement charter</b> updated / re-published within last 2 years	Green	Enforcement charter has been reviewed within previous 2 years.
6	<b>Continuous improvement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• progress/improvement in relation to PPF National Headline Indicators; and</li> <li>• progress ambitious and relevant service improvement commitments identified through PPF report</li> </ul>	Green	Your LDP and enforcement charter are up to date. Decision making timescales for all application types are faster than the Scottish average for this year. <b>RAG = Green</b>  Although timescales have been affected by the pandemic, a number of last years' service commitments have been completed or progressed. Additional service improvement commitments for 2021/22 are identified in the PPF report. <b>RAG = Green</b>  <b>Overall RAG = Green</b>
7	<b>Local development plan</b> less than 5 years since adoption	Green	LDP adopted less than five years ago.
8	<b>Development plan scheme</b> – next LDP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on course for adoption within 5 years of current plan(s) adoption; and</li> <li>• project planned and expected to be delivered to planned timescale</li> </ul>	Amber	Your development plan scheme indicates that a new-style LDP will be prepared under the provisions of the PA2019, with adoption anticipated in 2023/24. It is acknowledged that timescales have been affected by delayed publication of NPF4 and development plan regulations/guidance. <b>RAG = Amber</b>  Your Development Plan Scheme was updated in 2020/21 and sets out evolving legal/policy context, the intended approach for the next LDP, indicative timescales and engagement undertaken to date. <b>RAG = Green</b>  <b>Overall RAG = Amber</b>
9	<b>Elected members engaged early</b> (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – <i>if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year</i>	Green	Your PPF report and DPS set out the engagement that has taken place with elected members
10	<b>Cross sector stakeholders* engaged early</b> (pre-MIR) in development plan preparation – <i>if plan has been at pre-MIR stage during reporting year</i> <i>*including industry, agencies and Scottish Government</i>	Green	Your PPF report sets out the engagement that has taken place, including with colleagues at Perth & Kinross and Dundee City Councils, to inform the Tayside Regional Spatial Strategy. Cross sector engagement has informed monitoring and evidence gathering connected to development plan.
11	<b>Regular and proportionate policy advice</b> produced on information required to support applications.	Green	Your LDP and SPG set out what supporting information is required: these are referred to during pre-application discussions and sign-posted online. The introduction of fees has been delayed in light of pandemic to help support recovery.
12	<b>Corporate working across services</b> to improve outputs and services for customer benefit (for example: protocols; joined-up	Green	Your report provides good evidence of cross-service working within the Council, including with environmental health, licensing and building standards when advising businesses

	services; single contact arrangements; joint pre-application advice)		during the pandemic. This approach is outlined through a number of the case studies provided.
13	<b>Sharing good practice, skills and knowledge</b> between authorities	Green	You have provided some good examples of sharing good practice, skills and knowledge. This includes active participation in the Knowledge Hub and HoPS DM and DP subcommittees, as well as working with neighbouring authorities through the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and Enforcement Benchmarking Group.
14	<b>Stalled sites/ legacy cases:</b> conclusion or withdrawal of old planning applications and reducing number of live applications more than one year old	Green	You have cleared 1 legacy case with five remaining. Each of these has a processing agreement that sets out the key steps to progress the application. Multi-disciplinary meetings are held to identify how allocated sites can be unlocked. This shows a commitment to reducing the number of stalled sites in your area.
15	<b>Developer contributions:</b> clear and proportionate expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set out in development plan (and/or emerging plan); and</li> <li>• in pre-application discussions</li> </ul>	Green	You have supplementary Guidance on Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions: a further review of these is programmed. <b>RAG = Green</b>  Expectations for developer contributions are clarified in your pre-application discussions. <b>RAG = Green</b>  <b>Overall RAG = Green</b>

## ANGUS COUNCIL

### Performance against Key Markers

Marker		13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
1	Decision making timescales								
2	Processing agreements								
3	Early collaboration								
4	Legal agreements								
5	Enforcement charter								
6	Continuous improvement								
7	Local development plan								
8	Development plan scheme								
9	Elected members engaged early (pre-MIR)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
10	Stakeholders engaged early (pre-MIR)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
11	Regular and proportionate advice to support applications								
12	Corporate working across services								
13	Sharing good practice, skills and knowledge								
14	Stalled sites/legacy cases								
15	Developer contributions								

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

	Red	Amber	Green
<b>2013-14</b>	2	4	7
<b>2014-15</b>	3	2	8
<b>2015-16</b>	2	3	8
<b>2016-17</b>	0	2	11
<b>2017-18</b>	0	2	11
<b>2018-19</b>	0	2	11
<b>2019-20</b>	0	0	15
<b>2020-21</b>	0	1	14

### Decision Making Timescales (weeks)

	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	2020-21 Scottish Average
Major Development	30.1	34.1	22.0	20.0	12.4	10.3	14.7	25.6	41.3
Local (Non-Householder) Development	9.7	10.9	11.1	8.4	7.4	7.5	9.3	7.2	12.4
Householder Development	6.4	6.9	6.7	7.2	5.6	5.9	6.1	5.8	8.1