

Outstanding actions from Overview and Scrutiny – July 2019

MEETING DATE AGENDA ITEM AND MINUTE NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION	UPDATE	TIMESCALE
OSC5/19	Councillor Booth asked for clarification on the statistics provided on page 10 of the agenda pack in relation to the validation of Planning Applications.	In the period 1/4/19 to 30/6/19, 20% of planning applications were valid on receipt.	<b>COMPLETE</b>
OSC5/19	Councillor Cornwell asked that the PFH for Planning consider benchmarking exercises available between FDC and other Local Authorities	<p>Benchmarking information is available here:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-planning-application-statistics">https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-planning-application-statistics</a></p> <p>Different local authorities will prioritise its own planning in different ways to other council's and so this should be considered when comparing performance between councils. The performance reported to the meeting in relation to the Government's 24 Month rolling tracker is arguably the benchmark to follow as failure to meet this will result in the 'designation' of the service. The reported performance shows that we are comfortably above the designation threshold.</p>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
OSC5/19	Councillor Booth suggested that the PFH could write to MHCLG to discuss powers available to the Council in relation to the delivery of housing	A briefing paper summarising these powers will be provided to members	<b>August 2019</b>
OSC5/19	Councillor Booth asked for clarification on the number of complaints considered by the LGO. Nick Harding agreed to provide this	Nick Harding was incorrect to state that there had not been any LGO decisions in relation to planning in 2018/19. This error was due to him not being made aware that the LGO elements of the complaints log	<b>O&amp;S MEETING SEPTEMBER 2019</b>

	information to members.	were no longer in use. The 3Cs team have advised that the information will be presented to members as and when the LGO publishes its annual report.	
<b>OSC5/19</b>	Councillor Booth asked for clarification on the number of breaches pursued by the Council (page 14 of the agenda pack)	<p>Of the cases closed in 2018/19, 154 of these were able to be closed following intervention by officers that resulted in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary remedy of the breach by the owner/ occupier e.g. by stopping the unauthorised use / removing / altering the unauthorised development</li> <li>• The submission of a retrospective application that went on to be granted</li> <li>• Compliance with a formal notice which provided a remedy to the breach</li> </ul>	<b>COMPLETE</b>