Gloucester
City Council

Meeting:	Planning Committee	Date:	5 September 2017

Subject: Planning Appeal – Summary Statistics

Report Of: Head of Planning

Wards Affected: All

Key Decision: No   **Budget/Policy Framework:** No

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1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report presents an overview of the Council's performance in relation to appeals against the refusal of planning permissions as recorded by Government as part of its monitoring of the planning process.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Planning Committee is asked to **NOTE** the report.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

3.1 The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) collects a range of data from Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in order to monitor the performance of LPAs. As part of the monitoring process, DCLG sets out a 'threshold' above which any LPA which does not achieve the required performance level can be considered for 'designation' as part of this process. Such 'designation' can include the loss of an LPA's powers to determine planning applications.

3.2 The threshold is set in respect of the overturn of an LPA's decision at any subsequent appeal. In this respect, an LPA is considered to be failing if more than 10% of its planning decisions are subsequently overturned at appeal. DCLG statistics in this respect are held within Tables 152 (Major Developments) and 154 (Minor and Other Developments). The Tables provide information over a two year

rolling programme, the most recent update of the Tables provides information for the period June 2014 to June 2016 and is publicly available. The table below sets out the City Council's performance and provides a comparison to national performance.

Number of decisions	Number overturned	Overturned (%)	Overturned (%) (National Av.)
55	1	1.8	2.8
Number of decisions	Number overturned	% overturned	% overturned (National Av.)
1127	3	0.3	1.2

3.3　The figures above illustrate that the Council is performing well in terms of the 'quality' of its planning decisions as measured by DCLG.

3.4　In addition to the statutory returns that are made to DCLG, the Council does hold more recent performance information for the financial year 2016/17 which has been provided to DCLG and will be included in future updates of Tables 152 and 154. In 2016/17, the Council issued 1272 planning decisions; of this number, only one was overturned at appeal.

3.5　Going forward, it is proposed that Committee will receive quarterly updates on these performance measures and updates to Tables 152 and 154 when these are published.

4.0　Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Considerations

4.1　None arising from this report.

5.0　Alternative Options Considered

5.1　All LPAs are required to submit data returns to DCLG as part of the performance monitoring process.

6.0　Reasons for Recommendations

6.1　The report presents an update on the Council's performance as an LPA.

7.0　Future Work and Conclusions

7.1　Further updates will be provided to Committee on a quarterly basis to allow for the reporting of this performance information.

8.0   Financial Implications

8.1   None arising from this report. The provision of data returns to DCLG forms part of normal working procedures.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

9.0   Legal Implications

9.1   None arising from this report. The provision of data returns to DCLG forms part of normal working procedures.

(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

10.0   Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

10.1   The information provided to DCLG is part of the Council's role as an LPA and returns are provided as part of normal working procedures.

11.0   People Impact Assessment (PIA):

11.1   The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact, therefore a full PIA was not required.

12.0   Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

12.1   None.

Sustainability

12.2   None.

Staffing & Trade Union

12.3   No impacts.

Background Documents: None