



REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 13TH DECEMBER 2016

SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - PLANNING

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of the contents of the Annual Performance Report (APR) for the Planning service of the Planning and Regeneration Division, which encompasses the Development Management and the Strategic Development Plan groups.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The APR was proposed by Welsh Government as a result of the 'Positive Planning' consultation in December 2013. They consulted on a series of proposals for measuring the performance of key stakeholders in the planning service and proposed that stakeholders should prepare an annual report, discussing how their organisation had performed against the indicators, identifying what it had done well so that this can be shared with others, and what steps might be taken to address areas of performance in need of improvement. The first reports were submitted in November 2015. A draft report, attached as an appendix to this report, was submitted at the end of October 2016.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Single Integrated Plan Caerphilly Delivers has been prepared by the Local Service Board, and it represents a determined commitment by all partners to accelerate change, strengthen partnership working, multi-agency collaboration, and accountability for delivery.
- 3.2 The Local Development Plan is the statutory framework for the development and use of land within Caerphilly County Borough and is the key mechanism for delivering the land use elements of Caerphilly Delivers.
- 3.3 The Future Generations Act 2014 has 7 national goals which all public bodies are expected to contribute towards. An APR that reflects a good planning service will accord with those goals.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Annual Performance Report is attached as an appendix. In summary it shows that there are areas for improvement in terms of the perception of the development management service by the public, but also that efficiency measures have been introduced and are already delivering improvements.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required as the report is for information.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications to this report although there may be some in respect of identified risks as part of performance.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 None

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members note the contents of the APR.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To allow members the opportunity to review, question and comment upon the performance of the Planning Service.

11 STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Caerphilly LPA - Planning Annual Performance Report (APR) - 2016-17