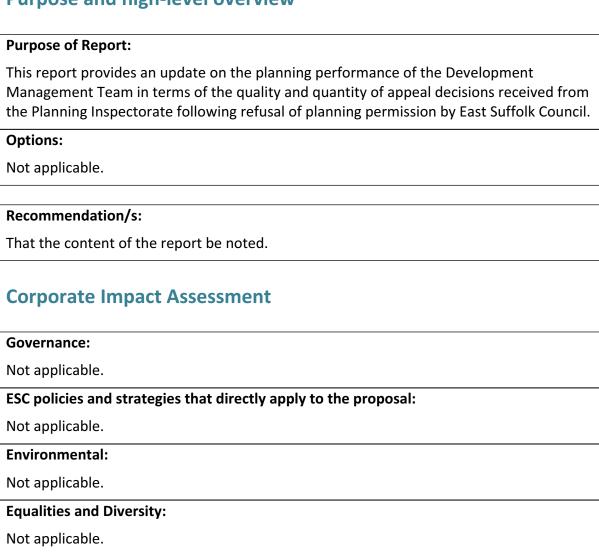


STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE Monday, 07 June 2021

Subject	Appeals Performance Report – January to 12 May 2021
Report of	Councillor David Ritchie
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Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
Category of Exempt	Not applicable
Information and reason why it	
is NOT in the public interest to	
disclose the exempt	
information.	
Wards Affected:	All Wards

Purpose and high-level overview



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Not applicable.

Human Resources:

Not applicable.

ICT:

Not applicable.

Legal:

Not applicable.

Risk:

Not applicable.

External Consultees:	None
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Strategic Plan Priorities

Select the priorities of the Strategic Plan which are supported by		Primary	Secondar
this proposal:		priority	У
	(Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate) priorities		priorities
T01	Growing our Economy		
P01	Build the right environment for East Suffolk		\boxtimes
P02	Attract and stimulate inward investment		
P03	Maximise and grow the unique selling points of East Suffolk		\boxtimes
P04	Business partnerships		
P05	Support and deliver infrastructure		
T02	Enabling our Communities		
P06	Community Partnerships		
P07	Taking positive action on what matters most	\boxtimes	
P08	Maximising health, well-being and safety in our District		
P09	Community Pride		\boxtimes
T03	Maintaining Financial Sustainability		
P10	Organisational design and streamlining services		
P11	Making best use of and investing in our assets		
P12	P12 Being commercially astute		
P13	Optimising our financial investments and grant opportunities		
P14	Review service delivery with partners		
T04	Delivering Digital Transformation		
P15	Digital by default		
P16	Lean and efficient streamlined services		
P17	Effective use of data		
P18	Skills and training		
P19	District-wide digital infrastructure		\boxtimes
T05	Caring for our Environment		
P20	Lead by example		
P21	Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling		
P22	Renewable energy		
P23	Protection, education and influence		
XXX	Governance		
XXX	How ESC governs itself as an authority		\boxtimes
How	does this proposal support the priorities selected?		
То рі	ovide information on the performance of the enforcement sect	ion	

Background and Justification for Recommendation

1 Background facts

1.1 The report is presented to Members as rolling reporting mechanism on how the Council is performing on both the quality and quantity of appeal decisions received from the Planning Inspectorate.

2	Current position
2.1	A total of 16 planning appeal decisions have been received from the Planning Inspectorate since the 11 February 2021 following a refusal of planning permission from East Suffolk Council.
2.2	A summary of all the appeals received is appended to this report (Appendix 1).
2.3	The Planning Inspectorate monitor appeal success rates at Local Authorities and therefore it is important to ensure that the Council is robust on appeals, rigorously defending reasons for refusal. Appeal decisions also provide a clear benchmark for how policy is to be interpreted and applications considered.
2.4	Very few planning refusals are appealed (approximately 20%) and nationally on average there is a 42% success rate for major applications, 27% success rate for minor applications and 39% success rate for householder applications.
2.5	All of the appeal decisions related to applications which were delegated decisions determined by the Head of Planning and Coastal Management.
2.6	Of the planning appeals, 14 of the decisions were dismissed (88%) and two of the decisions were allowed (12%) by the Planning Inspectorate. These statistics show that the Council's success rate in defending appeals is above the national average and provides confidence that the Council is able to robustly defend against unacceptable development and has a suite of policies available to assist defence. The summaries of the appeals include a section on key issues and any lessons which could be learnt.
2.7	There are no significant issues arising with the planning appeals which have been allowed, although the appendix provides a summary of learning points of all appeals
2.8	Members will note that one claim of costs against the Council has been received, with the decision refused on the grounds that unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense had not been demonstrated

3 How to address current situation

3.1 Quarterly monitoring

4 Reason/s for recommendation

4.1 That the report concerning the appeals decisions received is noted

Appendices

Appendices:

Appendix A Summary of all appeal decisions received

Background reference papers:

None.