

Title of Paper	Planning Activity Report 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017
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Purpose of Paper and Executive Summary	
This report is presented to planning committee informing members on current planning performance covering the period 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017. The next quarterly report will be presented in January 2018 and an annual report will be presented April 2018.	
EDC Business Plan and KPIs	Planning and delivery performance is one of the priority areas for the EDC in relation to the Business Plan and KPIs which align with National Performance requirements for the delivery of planning applications.
Recommendation	FOR INFORMATION The Committee is invited to NOTE the information
Annexes	Annex A – Applications Annex B – Planning Application Fees
Delegation	Not applicable

1. Background

- 1.1 The Ebbsfleet Development Corporation, as a Local Planning Authority, has a requirement to collect and submit data to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on the time taken to determine planning applications and the quality of decisions.
- 1.2 In November 2016 DCLG published new Planning Performance Criteria establishing threshold levels and assessment periods that will be used during 2017 and 2018. These came into force in January 2017. As the threshold levels for 2018 are based on an assessment period covering 2017 we have decided that for robustness the EDC will monitor planning activity based on the 2018 thresholds. These are separated into the 2 elements below: -
 - Major Developments: to determine 60% of applications within 13 weeks.

- Non-Major Developments: to determine 70% of applications within 8 weeks.
- 1.3 The published criteria also set out requirements for the quality of decisions. This is assessed via the number of applications overturned at appeal identifying a 10% threshold which will be applicable from 2018.
- 1.4 Falling short of the threshold levels could result in the EDC being designated as an underperforming authority.

2. Statistics

- 2.1 Annex A contains a series of charts showing data concerning the determination of planning applications.
- 2.2 Figure 1 shows the number of applications received and determined for the year so far by quarter. During the period 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017 the Corporation received 34 planning applications. During this same period, the Corporation determined 17 planning applications.
- 2.3 Applications can be subject to a bespoke determination timescale which is agreed between the applicant and the local planning authority. These can be in the form of a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) or a Planning Extension Agreement (PEA).
- 2.4 Figure 2 shows performance against the statutory national target for major and non-major applications for the quarter.
- 'Major application' within time or within time agreed is 87.5%. Target is 60%.
 - 'Non-major applications' within time or within time agreed is 100%. Target is 70%.
- 2.5 The EDC has not received any planning appeals.

3. Advice and analysis

- 3.1 This report is submitted for information and enables planning committee to monitor the work of the planning team.

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 Planning income for this same period is £114,320.00. Annex B, Figure 1 shows the planning application fees received.
- 4.2 If the Local Planning Authority is designated as non-performing then applicants would have the choice of submitting applications to the Planning Inspectorate, which would include the fee. This would not only take control away from the LPA but would reduce income.

4.3 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

5. Recommendations

5.1 This report is submitted for information to assist the committee in monitoring Development Management activity and therefore there are no recommendations for the committee to consider.

Annex A: Applications

Figure 1: Number of applications received and determined July 2017 to September 2017 by month

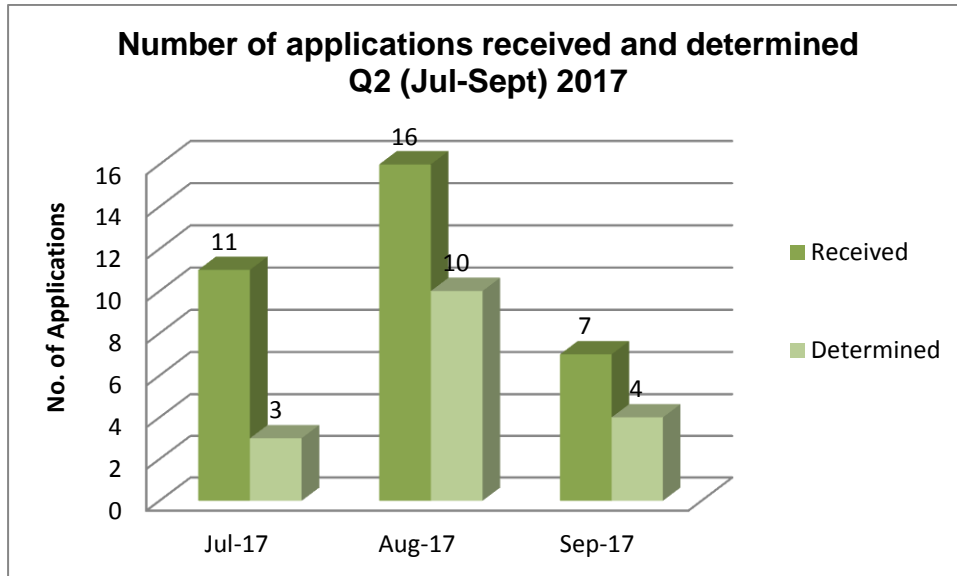
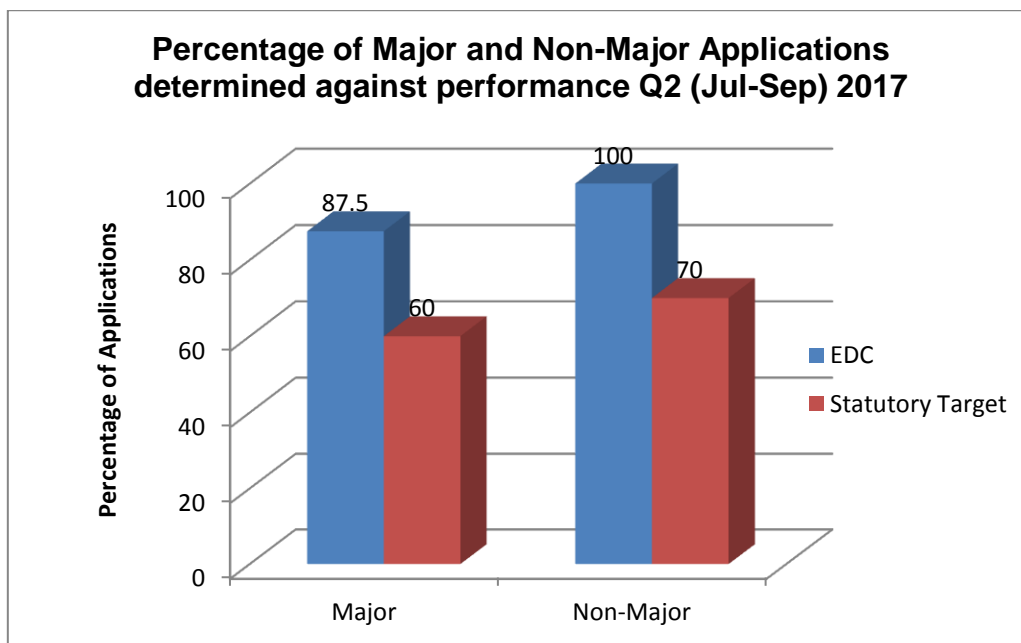


Figure 2: Percentage of major and non-major applications determined against performance target July 2017 to September 2017.



Annex B: Planning Fees

Figure 1: Planning application fees received 01 July 2017 to 30 September 2017 by month.

