

<b>BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chair &amp; Members of Planning Regulatory &amp; General Licensing Committee</b>
<b>Report Subject</b>	<b>Quarterly Performance Information Quarter 2 July to September 2019</b>
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<b>Key Words</b>	<b>Performance Management Speed and quality of decision making Welsh Government Monitoring Quarter 2 July to September 2019</b>

<b>1.0 Background</b>	
1.1	Every local planning authority (LPA) in Wales is required to collect performance information regarding the speed of decision making on all types of planning and related applications. This is submitted to Welsh Government on a quarterly basis.
1.2	This report considers the most recent data published by WG. The information relates to the second quarter of the current financial year i.e. <b><u>July to September 2019</u></b> .
1.3	It was published on the Welsh Government website on 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 at  <a href="https://gov.wales/development-management-quarterly-survey-july-september-2019">https://gov.wales/development-management-quarterly-survey-july-september-2019</a>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Options for Consideration</b>
2.1	<p>I have included 3 tables to illustrate current performance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fig 1 - ranks the 25 LPA's in order of speed of determining all applications "on time". This is defined as within the 8 week target period or longer time that may be agreed with the applicant.</li> <li>2. Fig 2 – ranks the LPA's in Wales and in respect of the average time (in days) taken to determine all applications.</li> <li>3. Fig 3. – shows decisions taken by Planning Committee that are contrary to the recommendation of its officers.</li> </ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Performance Information</b>
3.1	<u>Fig 1</u> : this Council decided <b>99%</b> of all applications in time. This compares to a Welsh average of 87%.
3.2	<u>Fig 2</u> : on average it takes <b>70 days</b> from registration to decision for this Council to decide each planning application. The Wales average is 84 days.
3.3	<u>Fig 3</u> : <b>33%</b> of Planning Committee decisions were contrary to officer recommendation. The Wales average is 9%.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
4.1	Performance remains consistent.
4.2	When measured against the indicator of all applications determined "on time", the returns for the last 5 quarters are 97%, 100%, 94%, 100% and now 99%.
4.3	There is a similar picture when looking at the indicator that measures the average time (in days) it takes to decide applications. Our return fluctuates a little more but again, we are consistently above the Wales average.
4.4	The number of decisions where Planning Committee overturns the officer recommendation is again very high and unfortunately above the Wales average.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
5.1	That the report be noted.

**Fig. 1**

**Welsh Government Quarterly DM Survey**  
**Percentage of Planning Applications Determined “On Time”**  
*(Ranked in Order of Performance)*

Welsh Local Planning Authority		Percentage Determined On Time (Number of decisions)
		Q2 19-20
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brecon Beacons NPA	100 (152)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>	<b>99 (85)</b>
=	Swansea	99 (524)
=	Neath Port Talbot	99 (204)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Merthyr Tydfil	96 (83)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Vale of Glamorgan	95 (363)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Isle of Anglesey	94 (219)
=	Monmouthshire	94 (295)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Torfaen	93 (158)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Flintshire	92 (259)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Denbighshire	90 (196)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Conwy	89 (264)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Powys	88 (316)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Rhondda Cynon Taff	87 (275)
=	Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	87 (124)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wrexham	86 (212)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Caerphilly	85 (246)
=	Cardiff	85 (685)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Pembrokeshire	84 (253)
20 <sup>th</sup>	Bridgend	80 (220)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Newport	78 (241)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carmarthenshire	70 (340)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Snowdonia NPA	66 (111)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ceredigion	49 (190)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Gwynedd	-
<b>WALES AVERAGE</b>		<b>87 %</b>

**Fig. 2**

**Welsh Government Quarterly DM Survey**  
**Average Time to Decide Applications in Days**  
*(Ranked in Order of Performance)*

<b>Welsh Local Planning Authority</b>		<b>Average Time in Days to Decide Applications Q2 19-20</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pembrokeshire	26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Merthyr Tydfil	55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vale of Glamorgan	57
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brecon Beacons NPA	58
5 <sup>th</sup>	Neath Port Talbot	60
6 <sup>th</sup>	Isle of Anglesey	64
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bridgend	65
8 <sup>th</sup>	Monmouthshire	68
9 <sup>th</sup>	Snowdonia NPA	69
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>	<b>70</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Denbighshire	71
12 <sup>th</sup>	Conwy	72
13 <sup>th</sup>	Caerphilly	75
14 <sup>th</sup>	Newport	82
=	Rhondda Cynon Taff	82
16 <sup>th</sup>	Torfaen	90
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	112
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wrexham	119
19 <sup>th</sup>	Flintshire	128
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ceredigion	129
21 <sup>st</sup>	Carmarthenshire	134
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Powys	155
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swansea	-
=	Cardiff	-
=	Gwynedd	-
<b>WALES AVERAGE</b>		<b>84 Days</b>

**Fig 3.**

**Welsh Government Quarterly DM Survey**  
**Decisions Contrary to Officer Recommendation**  
*(Ranked in Order of Performance)*

<b>Welsh Local Planning Authority</b>		<b>Percent Contrary to Officer Recommendation</b>
		<b>Percent (overturns / committee decisions)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Swansea	0% (0 of 19)
=	Vale of Glamorgan	0% (0 of 15)
=	Cardiff	0% (0 of 20)
=	Snowdonia NPA	0% (0 of 7)
=	Bridgend	0% (0 of 8)
=	Pembrokeshire	0% (0 of 9)
=	Monmouthshire	0% (0 of 20)
=	Flintshire	0% (0 of 6)
=	Torfaen	0% (0 of 2)
=	Carmarthenshire	4% (1 of 24)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Powys	5% (1 of 19)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Anglesey	6% (1 of 22)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Brecon Beacons NPA	9% (1 of 11)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Denbighshire	9% (1 of 11)
=	Wrexham	9% (4 of 43)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	11% (1 of 9)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Merthyr Tydfil	12% (1 of 8)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Newport	13% (2 of 15)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rhondda Cynon Taff	14% (5 of 35)
=	Caerphilly	17% (3 of 17)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Neath Port Talbot	20% (1 of 5)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>	<b>33% (2 of 6)</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Conwy	50% (3 of 6)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ceredigion	67% (6 of 9)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Gwynedd	--
<b>Wales Average</b>		<b>7%</b>