

<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 – September 2020</b>
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<b>Key Words</b>	<b>Performance Management Speed and quality of decision making Welsh Government Performance Monitoring Quarter 2: July – September 2020</b>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1	Every local planning authority (LPA) in Wales is required to collect performance information regarding the speed and quality 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 2020</u></b> .
1.3	It was published on the Welsh Government website on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020. <a href="#">Link to Data</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	<p><u>Fig 1</u>: this Council decided <b>100%</b> of all applications in time. This compares to a Welsh average of 80%.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Fig 2</u>: on average it takes <b>85 days</b> from registration to decision for this Council to decide each planning application set against a Wales average of 94 days.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Fig 3</u>: <b>0%</b> of Planning Committee decisions were contrary to officer recommendation.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Consideration</b>
4.1	<p>The data in this quarter includes the period in the national Covid "lockdown". The returns therefore have to be viewed in that context. They are not necessarily representative of our normal service provision or for that matter any other Local Planning Authority.</p>
4.2	<p>During this period, the service continued despite staff absences due to deployment.</p>
4.3	<p>We held two Committee meetings during the quarter but as normal, there was no meeting during August.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
5.1	<p>That the report be noted.</p>

**Fig. 1**

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

<b>Welsh Local Planning Authority</b>		<b>Percentage Determined On Time</b>	
		<b>Quarter 2: 20-21</b>	
		<b>% in Time</b>	<b>No. of decisions</b>
1	<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>
	Merthyr Tydfil	100	71
3	Brecon Beacons NPA	99	109
4	Swansea	98	438
5	Neath Port Talbot	96	181
6	Caerphilly	95	216
	Monmouthshire	95	272
8	Ceredigion	91	205
9	Conwy	89	196
10	Vale of Glamorgan	87	278
11	Rhondda Cynon Taff	84	335
	Torfaen	84	93
13	Cardiff	80	626
14	Isle of Anglesey	79	218
15	Powys	76	141
16	Bridgend	74	188
17	Denbighshire	71	196
18	Flintshire	66	179
	Newport	66	183
20	Pembrokeshire	57	181
21	Carmarthenshire	56	296
22	Snowdonia NPA	48	79
	Gwynedd	48	207
24	Pembs Coast NPA	46	69
25	Wrexham	-	-
<b>WALES AVERAGE</b>		<b>80%</b>	<b>-</b>

**Fig. 2**

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

Welsh Local Planning Authority		Average Days Taken to Decide An Application
1	Merthyr Tydfil	43
2	Swansea	59
3	Neath Port Talbot	62
4	Bridgend	72
	Rhondda Cynon Taff	72
6	Caerphilly	74
7	Conwy	76
<b>8</b>	<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>	<b>85</b>
9	Cardiff	86
	Denbighshire	86
11	Vale of Glamorgan	87
12	Pembrokeshire	91
13	Brecon Beacons NPA	92
14	Gwynedd	93
	Monmouthshire	93
16	Torfaen	101
17	Newport	106
18	Snowdonia NPA	109
19	Ceredigion	112
20	Carmarthenshire	114
	Isle of Anglesey	114
22	Pembs Coast NPA	119
23	Flintshire	120
24	Powys	141
25	Wrexham	---
<b>WALES AVERAGE</b>		<b>94</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>% Decisions Contrary to Recommendation</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Blaenau Gwent</b>	<b>0</b>
	Brecon Beacons NPA	0
	Bridgend	0
	Cardiff	0
	Caerphilly	0
	Gwynedd	0
	Isle of Anglesey	0
	Merthyr Tydfil	0
	Monmouthshire	0
	Neath Port Talbot	0
	Newport	0
	Pembrokeshire	0
	Pembs Coast NPA	0
	Powys	0
	Snowdonia NPA	0
	Swansea	0
	Vale of Glamorgan	0
18	Carmarthenshire	6
19	Conwy	10
20	Torfaen	14
21	Ceredigion	17
	Denbighshire	17
23	Flintshire	18
24	Rhondda Cynon Taff	26
25	Wrexham	---

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