

Report of the Chief Executive

UPDATE REPORT ON APPEAL STATISTICS IN RELATION TO THE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES.**1. Background**

This matter was initially reported to members in January 2017 and an update was provided in September 2019. Members of the committee at the September meeting requested a full two-year summary of appeal decisions with any major applications highlighted. This is included in the appendix.

As reported to the 4 September 2019 meeting appeal overturns of five major applications in the preceding two years is almost certain to result in the Council being designated as 'underperforming' and therefore placed into 'special measures'. If this were to occur, it would have serious reputational and financial implications which were summarised previously and are not repeated here. At the time of drafting this report there have been no appeals allowed for major planning applications in the preceding two years. There are no major applications on this committee agenda.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Appeal Decisions

Decision Type	Allowed	Dismissed	Split Decision	Total
Refusals by Officers under delegated powers	3	14	1	18
Refusals by Committee contrary to officer recommendation	9	6	0	15
Total Appeal Decisions	12	20	1	33

There has been one major appeal decision since October 2017 and the appeal was dismissed.