



Councillor Mark Crane - Leader of the Council – 13 December 2022

Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Leisure, Strategic Matters, Place Shaping and External Relations and Partnerships. This report covers the period from the Council meeting on 27 September 2022. I have attended meetings of the Local Government Association (LGA) and District Council Network (DCN) and the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Infrastructure and Joint Assets Board

Development Management

For the period 1 September to 31 October 2022, 100% of 'major' applications were determined within the statutory period or with an agreed extension of time. The figure significantly exceeds the national designation target for majors of 60% set by the Government.

In the same period, 78% of 'minor' applications were determined within the statutory period or with an agreed extension of time. This equates to 36 determined of which 6 were within the statutory 8 weeks and 22 were within the extension of time period agreed. The figure exceeds the national designation target set by the Government for minor applications which is 70%.

88% of 'minor other' applications were determined within the statutory period or agreed extension of time between 1 September and 31 October 2022. This equates to 76 determined of which 45 were within the statutory 8 weeks and 22 were within the extension of time period agreed. The figure significantly exceeds the national designation target set by the Government for minor other applications which is 70%.

In addition to the above, 68 applications which are not reported to DLUHC were determined during this time period, which includes the following types of application:

HENS (Larger household extensions), Agricultural Prior approvals, Prior Notifications, Telecommunications, Discharge of Conditions, Minor Amendments, Works to Trees, County and other Consultations, Scoping reports and Screening opinions for EIA applications. There were also 24 Permitted Development Enquiries dealt with and 10 Certificates of Lawfulness determined.

With regards to performance at appeal, in the period 1 September to 31 October 2022, a total of 3 appeal decisions were received of which were all dismissed.

The Planning Enforcement Team received 87 new cases and closed 72. The Planning Enforcement Team has been working on a range of complex cases, which has included an appeal hearing pursuant to the creation of a touring caravan site on land at A63-A1 Junction 42 Selby Road, Monk Fryston (Little Bengie Quarry), being used to provide Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.

The Section continues to work with North Yorkshire County Council on 5 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects that are at various stages with the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) through the Development Consent regime, including 1 at pre-examination stage (Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage), 1 that has been submitted to PINS and is awaiting acceptance, and 3 at pre-application stage (National Grid's Humber Low Carbon Pipelines, East Yorkshire Solar Farm and Helios Renewable Energy Project).

Planning Policy

Consultation on the Publication Local Plan closed on 28 October. A total of 400 individual representations were received in addition to a representation from the Halt Heronby Campaign, which included 742 signatories and a petition objecting to proposals at the Central Area Car Park. We are currently in the process of analysing the comments raised and a report will be presented to Executive in February outlining the next stages for the Local Plan.

A referendum on the Escrick Neighbourhood Plan took place on Thursday 6th October. The referendum posed the following question: "Do you want Selby District Council to use the Escrick Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Escrick neighbourhood area?" There was a 33% turnout to the referendum with 89.7% of the votes cast in favour of 'Yes'. A recommendation is made to Full Council as part of this agenda to enable the Escrick Neighbourhood Development Plan to be made part of the statutory Development Plan.

Quarter one corporate performance monitoring

Executive considered quarter one council performance last month. This looked at the period April to June this year. Colleagues were pleased to note that performance continues to hold up despite the capacity challenges caused by LGR.

There were a number of positive aspects of performance in priority areas, including support to businesses, debt collection, benefits and planning processing, re-letting of empty council homes and aspects of waste collection.

Colleagues also noted a smaller number of performance challenges, such as the pausing of work on the low carbon agenda due to a loss of key staff.

However, overall performance is going well, and the Executive wish to thank staff for their continued hard work.

Mark Crane, Leader of the Council