

Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) Panel – Questions requiring a response.

Minute No.	Item	Councillor	Question	Answer
22/63	Notice of Key Decisions	Cllr Corney	Update requested on the why the Tenancy Strategy not yet come to the democratic cycle of meetings as has been on the Notice of Key Decisions for over a year.	Awaiting response.
22/64	Final 2023/24 Budget and MTF5	Cllr Wells	Clarification sought regarding the Community and Health line in Table 4b being significantly lower in 2023/24 than currently and also lower than subsequent years.	The decrease in net expenditure in Communities in 2023/24 is where we are working to increase income from fee charging activities and are also intending to reduce our operating costs. We have not taken it into future years of the MTF5; if the work is successfully developed then we will add it into the budget in 2024/25, but at this stage we are being prudent.
22/67	Corporate Performance Report 2022/23 Q3	Cllr Cawley	Request for an update on the backlog of planning applications and enforcement cases.	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>The older applications (formerly backlog) are now quantified in applications over 6 months whereby no extension of time exists within the Uniform system.</p> <p>At 3rd January 23; 312 applications over 26wks</p> <p>Applications can now be logged into 4 time categories: 26wks plus, between 22-26wks, and between 12-22wks</p> <p>Each of these categories return figures associated with full</p>

				<p>applications, household applications, others, and discharge of conditions.</p> <p>39 applications between 22-26wks</p> <p>102 applications between 12-22wks</p> <p>The figure at the beginning of April 2022 is difficult to work out as monitoring mechanisms were being developed, however, an initial assessment based on a total run of system applications on 29th April 2022 put the over 26wks applications numbers in the area of 750 in total, this included tree applications.</p> <p>Enforcement Applications. Cases in Enforcement are calculated in two ways,</p> <p>Applications on hand – 328 (with current officers) Applications with officers who have left the organisation 219 Total - 547</p> <p>Please note there are currently only 2 Enforcement Officers and a Team Leader, average caseloads are 140 at present. There have been two vacancies since Summer 2022 but following recruitment a replacement will start in March 2023, this officer will undergo training and the other one is to address work pressures.</p> <p>As of 3rd May 2022 the numbers were as follows; Applications on hand – 482 (with current officers) Older applications – 348 Total - 830</p>
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22/79	Executive Cllr for Leisure, Waste and Street Scene	Cllr Gray	Clarification requested due to concerns over discrepancies between the staffing figures shown in the budget and MTFS considering the expected increase in minimum wage.	Response circulated to Councillors only due to Commercially Sensitive Information.
22/70	O&S Work Programme	Cllr Corney	Update requested on the Markets Strategy which had previously formed part of the work programme and had been expected in the democratic cycle.	The Markets Strategy has been absorbed into the Place Strategy with a specific service plan for Markets being developed in line with the outcomes anticipated as the Strategy develops.