

2015-16 Performance Scorecard - STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Ref.	Performance Indicator	Standard / Target	2015/16 Performance	Explanatory Note
ED1	The number of jobs promoted through business start-up activity	> 155 jobs	262	The number of jobs promoted through business start-up activity forms part of a NI wide Regional Start Initiative (RSI). In 2015-16, the Council completed 342 Business Plans with new business start-ups, resulting in the promotion of 262 jobs . The Council out-performed the target in 2015-16 by 69% and compares favourably with the performance of other Councils in this area.

PLANNING				
Ref.	Performance Indicator	Standard / Target	2015/16 Performance	Explanatory Note
P1	The average processing time of major applications	< 30 weeks	56.5	The Council inherited the largest backlog of live applications (1,183) of any of the 11 new Councils but did not receive the commensurate resources. The Council was therefore handed an almost unmanageable backlog and an inadequate level of resource to effectively provide a service. The Council's average processing times for major applications received before transfer was 63 weeks, the average processing time for applications received by the Council after the service transferred was 22.2 weeks, which represents a reduction of 40.8 weeks in the average processing time for new applications
P2	The average processing time of local planning applications	< 15 weeks	34.8	The corresponding improvement in the average processing time for local applications is a reduction of 15.8 weeks when comparing the Council's performance in determining application received since April 2015 (25.6 weeks), with those received by the DoE before April 2015 and passed over to the Council as part of the backlog (41.4 weeks). Further improvements in average processing times are anticipated as service improvements are realised
P3	The percentage of enforcement cases processed within 39 weeks	70%	54.10%	An absence of sufficient resource capacity is also a key driver behind the performance of the Council for this indicator. Improving the percentage of enforcement cases processed within 39 weeks, along with other improvements to Planning, remains a key priority for the Council.

WASTE MANAGEMENT				
Ref.	Performance Indicator	Standard / Target	2015/16 Performance	Explanatory Note
W1	The percentage of household waste collected by District Councils that is sent for recycling	45%	39.30%	The Council has not managed to achieve its recycling target for 2015-16. This is attributable to range of factors including the absence of the provision of brown (organic waste) bins in rural areas, as well as until very recently, limited plastic recycling in the blue bins in the former Down DC area. Improvements in the Council's recycling rate are anticipated in future years arising from the introduction of brown bins for rural areas by April 2017 and increased plastic recycling in blue bins in the former Down DC area.
W2	The amount (tonnage) of biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste that is landfilled	< 26,396 tonnes	16,211	The Council has been successful and has exceeded its target by nearly 10,000 tonnes during 2015-16.

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W3	The amount (tonnage) of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Arisings (LACMW)	No Target	82,243	<p>The amount of tonnage of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) Arisings has increased by 3.5% when compared with 2014-15. This may be due to improved economic conditions during 2015-16 but should be monitored closely. No target has been set for LACMW Arisings. The Council's specific role in LACMW is to manage the waste produced in the District; the volume of waste produced in the District is dependent upon a range of factors, the majority of which are beyond the Council's control.</p>
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