



ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Adur Planning Committee

6th April 2021

Agenda Item no. 8

Appeal Performance

Report by the Director for the Economy

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report updates the Planning Committee on recent appeal decisions and appeal performance.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 A number of national targets are set by the Government to ensure an effective development management service is delivered by all Local Authorities. National league tables are produced in relation to determination times for planning applications and appeal performance.
- 2.2 For appeals Adur and Worthing has a very good appeal performance and this highlights good effective decision making by Officers under delegated powers and by Planning Committees. National Planning Guidance seeks to ensure that planning applications are dealt with having regard to the Development Plan and all relevant material considerations and that planning applications should only be refused where harm can be substantiated.
- 2.3 Where local planning authorities cannot reasonably defend a decision to refuse planning permission there is a risk of costs being awarded against the authority.

3.0 Appeal Performance

- 3.1 The Planning Inspectorate (PINs) publishes annual performance for all s78 appeals, householder and enforcement appeals. The performance of the Council for 2019/2020 is set out below:

England		April 2019 to March 2020^P							
		s78 planning appeals				Householder appeals			
Local planning authority		number decided	number allowed	split decision	% allowed	number decided	number allowed	split decision	% allowed
Shire Districts									
Adur		2	0	0	0%	6	2	0	33%

- 3.2 For 2019/20 the performance suggests 100% success rate for s78 appeals and 67% for householder appeals. As a result the Council is in the top quartile for local authority appeal performance in the Country albeit the low number of appeals that are submitted does distort the overall picture.
- 3.3 Performance figures for the current financial year for appeals (and the determination of planning applications) will be released in May and a further report on overall performance will be submitted to the Committee in June.
- 3.4 To assist the Planning Committee in reviewing appeal decisions your Officers feel that it would be beneficial to add any decisions received to future agendas as a standing item. Since the New Year we have had 3 appeal decisions, one allowed and two dismissed and these are appended to the report for Members information.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 To note the report and to seek Members views on whether including appeal decisions received is helpful as a standing agenda item in the future.

Local Government Act 1972

Background Papers:

Appeal Performance Tables:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-statistics

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