



Planning Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Appointment as Building Standards Verifier

The Council has been appointed Building Standards Verifier for a period of two years from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2021. The progress the service has made including in relation to performance, investment in staff and as well as steps taken to improve customer satisfaction is acknowledged by the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning. The appointment is conditional on the service sustaining and improving performance as well as continued adherence to actions set out in its agreed improvement plan.

In relation to this appointment, the service is committed to continued delivery of its improvement plan and to ensure that the progress made with performance is sustained and enhanced.

Quarterly Update on Performance

The appointment as verifier for this year (2018/19) is conditional on quarterly reports on progress on the Council's Building Standards improvement plan being reported to Scottish Government. The Quarter 3 report was submitted to Scottish Government on 31 January 2019. It is contained in appendix 1.

The report sets out the progress made over the last quarter and puts this within the context of improvements made over the last two years. It shows how actions in relation to Leadership and Management, Continuous Improvement, Customer and Performance are being sustained.

There has been the best performance for four and a half years in relation to the issuing of first reports with 91% of these provide within the target timescale of 20 working days for quarter 3. Currently more than 95% of these are being issued within the target timescale. 60% of warrants are being granted within the target timescale of ten working days. This is expected to improve as the backlog of revised plans is driven downwards. This backlog has reduced from 350 in early November to 80 on 5 February 2019.

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