Statutory Targets

Local Planning Authorities are monitored by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on their performance in terms of the speed and quality of decision-making.

Planning Authorities which under-perform against any of these criteria may be deemed as poorly performing and risk 'designation' by the Secretary of State which then allows applicants the option to directly apply to the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) rather than the Local Planning Authority.

Performance figures for Quarter 4 – 1^{st} January 2024 – 31^{st} March 2024 – will be reported at the next committee.