

Decision Maker: **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date: Thursday 21 June 2018
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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **PLANNING APPEALS MONITORING REPORT: APRIL 2017 TO
MARCH 2018**

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Ward: (All Wards)

1. Reason for report

The report provides an update on planning appeals received and decided for the year 2017/18.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

Members note the report

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: none directly from this report
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment Not Applicable:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: N/A
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 50.4ftes
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: n/a
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement :
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: none directly from this report
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): n/a
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The table (1) below provides a summary of appeals activity in the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. During that time 380 appeals were lodged during the same period 329 appeal decisions were received of which 204 were dismissed, 123 were allowed and 2 were part allowed/part dismissed

3.2 The breakdown by appeal procedure for 2017/2018 compared with 2016/2017 is summarised below:

Table (1)

Appeals Lodged Procedure	Bromley 2016-2017	Bromley 2017-2018
Fast track	144 (41%)	156 (41%)
Written Representations	193 (55%)	216 (57%)
Informal Hearing	9 (3%)	3 (1%)
Local Inquiry	3 (1%)	5 (1%)
TOTAL	351	380

This represents a slight increase for Bromley in the proportion of written representation cases.

3.3 The number of appeal cases that Bromley are dealing with has increased significantly and our success rate has improved when compared to last year.

Table (2)

Appeal decisions in Bromley Borough 2017/2018*					
	Fast track	Written	Hearing	Inquiry	Total
No. of appeals allowed	64	48	1	8	121
No. of appeals dismissed	90	104	2	1	197
No. of appeals Part allowed/dismissed	1	0	0	1	2
Total appeals decided	155	152	3	10	320
% appeals allowed	41%	32%	33%	80%	38%
National comparison¹	38%	31%	44%	46%	33%

*Figures do not include Enforcement appeals

In 2017/2018, overall 38% of Planning Appeals were allowed, this is where planning permission is granted, a slight decrease when compared with 2016/2017 in which 40% were allowed.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Details of the appeal costs are included in a separate report on this agenda.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	N/A Planning Inspectorate Statistical Report (figures provisional) and their insert table number

¹ Source: Planning Inspectorate Statistical Report (figures provisional)