



Report of the Head of Planning and City Regeneration

Planning Committee – 6 October 2020

Planning Annual Performance Report

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Planning Annual Performance Report (APR) is seen by Welsh Government as an important mechanism for monitoring Local Planning Authority performance against a key set of National performance indicators and as a means of driving its agenda for modernising the planning system in Wales. It also represents an important tool for benchmarking the performance of Authorities across Wales and importantly must also be seen in the context of Welsh Government proposals to intervene where Local Planning Authorities exhibit consistent underperformance.
- 1.2 Members will recall that the draft APR, reviewing performance for the Authority for the previous year, is presented to Planning Committee at this time each year for Member consideration. The APR is then formally submitted to Welsh Government following the meeting.
- 1.3 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and in recognition of the current pressures on Local Planning Authorities, Welsh Government has confirmed that they will not require Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and Sustainable Development (SD) indicators to be submitted this year. Instead, they expect the reports submitted in October 2021 to cover the 2 year period, April 2019 to March 2021. The relevant report will therefore be presented to Committee for consideration next year.

For Information