

Benchmarking Report **(End of year 2021/22)**

1. Introduction

1.1. The following report details the end of year figures for the 2021/22 financial year i.e. 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 for a number of local authorities initially identified using the CIPFA 'Nearest Neighbours' model. The following authorities provided figures for this benchmarking exercise:

- East Staffordshire Borough Council
- Gedling Borough Council
- High Peak Borough Council

1.2. However it should be noted that not all participating authorities are in a position to provide data for all the performance indicators in the exercise. A comparison table for each performance indicator is shown below, where a sufficient number of councils have provided comparable data for that indicator.

1.3. To ensure data quality and allow for fair comparison between the participating authorities, the participating authorities were asked to highlight where any performance indicator was not calculated using previously published NI / BVPI definitions or guidance.

1.4. **Some variations have been highlighted so please take these into account when considering this report.**

1.5. **Where no additional comment has been made to highlight variations, then the report assumes that the figures provided are cumulative and that they are calculated in accordance with recognised NI / BVPI definitions. Other comments provided by the relevant participating authority have also been detailed where appropriate.**

2. Former National Indicators and Best Value Performance Indicators

Rank	Authority	2020/21 Year End	2021/22 Q1	2021/22 Q2	2021/22 Q3	2021/22 Q4
NI 157a - Processing of major planning applications (%)						
1	East Staffordshire	100	100	100	100	100
1	Authority A	95	100	100	100	100
1	Authority B	100	100	100	100	100
NI 157b - Processing of minor planning applications (%)						
1	East Staffordshire	95	92	93	94	94
2	Authority B	93	88	91	88	88
3	Authority A	88	81	83	83	82
NI 157c - Processing of other planning applications (%)						
1	East Staffordshire	98	97	97	97	97
2	Authority B	96	93	93	93	90
3	Authority A	85	78	82	85	85

3. Summary

3.1. There are 3 performance indicators relevant to East Staffordshire Borough Council's Community Regeneration priority included in this benchmarking exercise.

3.2. Please note that there are different numbers of authorities that have participated in the benchmarking of each indicator.

3.3. East Staffordshire Borough Council has been ranked as follows

- i. **NI 157a:** Processing of major planning applications (%)
Ranked Joint 1st of 3 participating authorities
- ii. **NI 157b:** Processing of minor planning applications
Ranked 1st of 3 participating authorities
- iii. **NI 157c:** Processing of other planning applications
Ranked 1st of 3 participating authorities