

Benchmarking Report **(Quarter 1 – 2022/23)**

1. Introduction

1.1. The following report details the end of year figures for the 2022/23 financial year i.e. 1st April 2022 to 30th June 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
- Chorley 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	Indicator	2021/22 Q1	2021/22 Year End	Q1 2022/23
NI 157a - Processing of major planning applications (%)					
1	Authority A	NI 157a			100
1	Authority B	NI 157a	100	100	100
1	Authority C	NI 157a	100	100	100
4	East Staffordshire	NI 157a	100	100	83
NI 157b - Processing of minor planning applications (%)					
1	Authority A	NI 157b			100
2	East Staffordshire	NI 157b	92	94	90
3	Authority C	NI 157b	88	88	86
4	Authority B	NI 157b	81	82	85
NI 157c - Processing of other planning applications (%)					
1	East Staffordshire	NI 157c	97	97	96
2	Authority C	NI 157c	93	90	90
3	Authority B	NI 157c	78	85	85

3. Summary

3.1. There are 3 performance indicators relevant to ESBC'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 4th of 4 participating authorities
- ii. **NI 157b:** Processing of minor planning applications
Ranked 2nd of 4 participating authorities
- iii. **NI 157c:** Processing of other planning applications
Ranked 1st of 3 participating authorities