

Benchmarking Report **(Year End Performance 2016/17)**

1. Introduction

1.1. The following report details figures for the financial year 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 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
- High Peak Borough Council
- South Kesteven District Council
- Gedling Borough Council
- Chorley Council
- North Warwickshire Borough Council
- East Northamptonshire Council
- Bassetlaw District 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

NI 157a - Processing of major planning applications (%)						
Rank	Authority	2015/16 Year End	2016/17			
			Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Year End
1	Authority C	100	100	100	100	100
2	Authority A	93	100	100	100	100
3	Authority F	92	--	100	100	98
4	Authority B	--	--	100	96.67	95
5	Authority E	96	100	96	93	95
6	East Staffordshire	90	90	96	95	94
7	Authority G	86.27	100	88	89.19	87.50

NI 157b - Processing of minor planning applications (%)						
Rank	Authority	2015/16 Year End	2016/17			
			Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Year End
1	East Staffordshire	75	90	93	95	96
2	Authority A	83	91	98	85	93
3	Authority G	90.18	90	92	89.20	87.23
4	Authority E	95	92	95	87	87
5	Authority F	77	--	89.7	86.01	84
6	Authority C	50	59	75	70	81
7	Authority B	--	--	60	66.26	73

NI 157c - Processing of other planning applications (%)						
Rank	Authority	2015/16 Year End	2016/17			
			Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Year End
1	East Staffordshire	88	98	98	99	99
2	Authority A	79	93	99	91	96
3	Authority G	93.69	96.18	94	91.79	92.23
4	Authority F	88	--	92.8	89.91	90
5	Authority C	67	76	84.09	80	89
6	Authority E	98	97	98	89	86
7	Authority B	--	--	79	81.22	84

3. Summary

3.1. East Staffordshire Borough Council has been ranked as follows:

- 3.1.1. **NI 157b:** Processing of minor planning applications
Ranked 1st of 7 participating authorities
(Corporate Plan ref. PLEG17 – ranked “Green”)
- 3.1.2. **NI 157c:** Processing of other planning applications
Ranked 1st of 7 participating authorities
(Corporate Plan ref. PLEG18 – ranked “Green”)
- 3.1.3. **NI 157a:** Processing of major planning applications (%)
Ranked 6th of 7 participating authorities
(Corporate Plan ref. PLEG16 – ranked “Green”)