

Benchmarking Report **(Quarter Three Performance 2015/16)**

1. Introduction

1.1. The following report details figures for the financial year 1st April 2015 to 31st December 2015 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
- East Northamptonshire Borough Council
- Erewash Borough Council
- Gedling Borough Council
- High Peak Borough Council
- Kettering Borough Council
- North Warwickshire 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. 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	2014/15 Year End	2015/16			
			Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Year End
1	Authority D	77.8	100	100	100	--
2	Authority F	77.27	100	100	96.77	--
3	Authority E	--	100	100	96	--
4	Authority B	94	100	100	95	--
5	Authority G	91	100	100	89	--
6	East Staffordshire	90	85	79	86	--
	Authority A	89	90	95	86	--
8	Authority C	82	88	81	82	--

NI 157b - Processing of minor planning applications (%)						
Rank	Authority	2014/15 Year End	2015/16			
			Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Year End
1	Authority F	76.71	100	100	99.36	--
2	Authority G	82	88	92	94	--
3	Authority A	72	77	72	85	--
4	Authority C	77	90	86	80	--
5	East Staffordshire	97	74	75	74	--
6	Authority B	55	72	78	72	--
7	Authority E	--	60	65	70	--
8	Authority D	63.6	55	53	50	--

NI 157c - Processing of other planning applications (%)						
Rank	Authority	2014/15 Year End	2015/16			
			Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Year End
1	Authority F	88.89	100	100	100	--
2	Authority G	91	97	93	93	--
3	Authority A	86	89	85	91	--
4	Authority B	84	90	90	89	--
5	East Staffordshire	99	81	81	85	--
6	Authority C	78	90	82	79	--
7	Authority E	--	70	78	79	--
8	Authority D	73.6	65	65.88	67	--

3. Summary

3.1. There are 14 performance indicators relevant to East Staffordshire Borough Council included in this benchmarking exercise (including 10 Former National Indicators and 4 other indicators).

3.2. Three of these indicators are applicable to the Promoting Local Economic Growth priority:

3.2.1. **NI 157a:** Processing of major planning applications (%)
Ranked joint 6th of 8 participating authorities
(Corporate Plan ref. PLEG23 – ranked “Green”)

3.2.2. **NI 157b:** Processing of minor planning applications (%)
Ranked 5th of 8 participating authorities
(Corporate Plan ref. PLEG24 – ranked “Green”)

3.2.3. **NI 157c:** Processing of other planning applications (%)
Ranked 5th of 8 participating authorities
(Corporate Plan ref. PLEG25 – ranked “Green”)