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The time it takes to determine a planning application in Brighton & Hove far-exceeded government standards in 2016/17. All major applications and 95 percent of minor applications were decided within the agreed time; over-achieving their targets by 40 percent and 30 percent respectively. This demonstrates a significant improvement on the performance in 2015/16 particularly for minor applications where only 37.1 percent were decided within the agreed time.

Table 1: Development Management Performance 2016/17

Indicator	Targets/Indicators	Progress
BV109a	Percentage of Major Applications decided within 13 weeks or within agreed time (Target 60%)	100%
BV109b	Minor planning applications decided within 8 weeks or within agreed time (Target 65%)	95.01%
BV109c	Other planning applications processed within 8 weeks or within agreed time (Target 80%)	87.75%
BV204	Keep percentage of appeals allowed against the Authority's decision to refuse fewer than 35%	35%
BVPI 110	Average time taken in weeks to determine all planning applications	26.9
BVPI 188	The number of planning decisions delegated to officers as a percentage of all decisions	97.4%

In 2015 delays in deciding planning applications led the council to undertake a consultation with the Local Government Association (LGA) and Planning Advisory Service (PAS). The LGA/PAS made recommendations to improve the whole service¹. As a result of implementing these recommendations improvements have been made including; utilising improved technology, improvements to the operation of the Planning Committee, streamlining administration systems and recruiting more staff as well as additional resource being made available to recruit temporary agency staff and for existing staff to work additional hours. This has improved the ability of the service to determine applications within statutory timescales as well as utilising extension of time agreements and Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs) with developers.

¹ [BHCC Planning Peer Challenge Report; Planning Advisory Service 2016](#)



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