

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING FOR GROWTH

Planning

Work continues on both the bringing to conclusion applications and the reduction of timescales in which to process applications; so much so that our performance in respect of minerals and waste applications continues to be above 80%. This is a reassuring 20% above the national threshold of 60% of these applications determined within agreed timescales and, in the second quarter of this year, our minerals and waste applications 'in hand', and remaining undetermined after 13 weeks since validation, amount to 19 which is a reduction from 27 the previous quarter.

In terms of recruitment, last month we jointly launched a Campaign with our Districts and Boroughs advertising a number of posts including a Minerals and Waste Monitoring and Compliance Officer as well as a Team Leader to bolster resources to ensure that the work continues on progressing applications as efficiently and effectively as possible

Finally, while news headlines had recently reverberated with the lifting of the moratorium on fracking, this was soon reinstated with the recent change in premiership.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR SIMON MYERS