

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 third quarter of this year (Oct-Dec), our minerals and waste applications 'in hand', and remaining undetermined after 13 weeks since validation, now provisionally stands at 15 which is a reduction from 19 in Q2 (Jul-Sep) and 27 in Q1 (Apr-Jun) of 2022/23.

In terms of recruitment, as a result of a joint campaign with our districts and boroughs, we have recently recruited to the post of Minerals and Waste Monitoring and Compliance Officer which will bolster resources to ensure that the work continues on progressing cases as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Finally, with regards to defending decisions of Members, we have recently heard news of our successful defence of the Authority's decision to grant planning permission in respect of the Gale Common Ash Disposal site in the Court of Appeal.

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