

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT FIGURES

Welsh Government Performance Indicators and Authority Enforcement figures

The Welsh Government Performance Indicators were changed in June 2017. The software used by the Authority was not set up to operate in the way the Indicators required the information to be captured. This has now been resolved and Officers are now working to the new indicators. However, due to the overlap between the two ways of working the 'Investigated in 84 days or Fewer' figure will be low for the next few months. Please refer to relevant definition information at the end of this report.

	Number of new cases received	Investigated ^A in 84 days or fewer	Investigated in more than 84 days	Resolved in 180 days or fewer	Resolved in more than 180 days
May 2019	10	12	3	6	5
		WG Performance Indicators			
	Number of new cases received	Investigated ¹ in 84 days or fewer	Investigated in more than 84 days	Average time taken (days) from investigation complete to positive action ² taken	Closed
February 2021	7	2	0	244	3
March 2021	13	2	3	0	5
April 2021	9	4	3	0	6
May 2021	7	1	0	0	2
June 2021	17	1	5	363	8
July 2021	10	2	2	0	4

Current Cases

	Current Cases (under 180 days)	Backlog Cases (over 180 days)	Total Cases
May 2019	31	79	110
	Current Cases (under 84 days)	Current Cases (over 84 days)	Total Cases
February 2021	18	120	138
March 2021	23	124	147
April 2021	22	126	148
May 2021	21	132	153
June 2021	26	134	160
July 2021	23	140	163

Relevant Definitions

¹Investigated means that the Authority has considered the alleged breach of planning control and advised the complainant of the investigation findings which will be one of the following:

- i) No breach has occurred or breach has been removed;
- ii) Breach has occurred but Authority has formally determined that enforcement action is not expedient;
- iii) Enforcement action is expedient and delegated report authorising such has been signed off;
- iv) Receipt of valid planning application;
- v) Breach has occurred and enforcement action would be expedient but informal negotiations have agreed that changes can make the development acceptable or that it will be removed.

²Positive Action means the complainant has been advised that one of the following has occurred following the conclusion that it would be expedient to enforce against the established breach.

- i) There has been a formal determination that a breach is expedient but informal negotiation subsequently removes the breach;
- ii) An Enforcement Notice is issued. An Enforcement Notice includes a Stop Notice, Breach of Condition Notice, Enforcement Warning Notice, Untidy Land Notice (section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990), any type of Listed Building Enforcement Notice, Tree Replacement Notice, Hedgerow Replacement Notice or Completion Notice, but does not include a Planning Contravention Notice, Section 330 Notice (of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990), Temporary Stop Notice or Requisition for Information;
- iii) Planning permission is subsequently granted through an application or enforcement appeal;
- iv) A prosecution is brought (with the date that the case is first heard deemed as being the 'positive action' date); or
- v) Direct action by the Authority removes the breach.

NB. This figure has yet to be benchmarked and a target set by Welsh Government

Closed means the case has been closed either because the outcome of the investigation was i) or ii) above or the breach has ceased following positive action.

^A The previous definition of *‘investigated’* meant that the Authority had visited, drawn a conclusion on what action was to be taken and had informed the complainant.