KPI Ref	Description	Target 2015/16	Q3 2015/16 Performance	Proposed Target 2016/17	Target Changed Yes/No	Comments/justification for proposed target for 2016/17 and reasons for targeted reductions in performance
GOV004	What percentage of major planning applications was processed within 13 weeks or extension of time date?	75.00%	100.00%	90.00% Amber tolerance = 2.00% below target	Yes	There is a lower number of planning applications in this category compared with Minor (GOV005) or Other (GOV006) types so one application not meeting the target can result in a greater percentage swing. However, the target has proved to be easier to hit since the Government introduced a new tolerance that allowed a developer to extend the 13 week deadline to a new date, and there has been a significant increase in the number of applications meeting the target. Increasing the target by 15% to 90% therefore would be more challenging.
GOV005	What percentage of minor planning applications was processed within 8 weeks or extension of time date?	90.00%	91.67%	90.00% Amber tolerance = 2.00% below target	No	Performance against the current target of 90% has been achievable since 2013/14, but just within an upward 2% tolerance. It is therefore considered the target remains at 90%.
GOV006	What percentage of other planning applications were processed within 8 weeks or extension of time date?	94.00%	95.20%	94.00% Amber tolerance = 2% below target	No	The target at its current level for the category of planning applications, which is the highest received and mainly decided under delegated powers, still remains a challenge for officers at 94% and therefore it is recommended this should not be changed.

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GOV007	What percentage of planning applications recommended for refusal were overturned and granted permission following an appeal?	19.0%	33.3%	20.0% Amber tolerance = 2.0% above target	Yes	Target had been achieved for 3 consecutive years from 11/12 to 13/14, including a target change challenge for officers from 20 to 19%. However, for this and last year it has not been met and may be because some allowed appeals are the result of the Local Plan becoming increasingly outdated and Inspectors therefore giving more weight to the National Planning Policy Framework. Whilst a small change, it is recommended that the target be put back to 20%, which will still be a challenging target for Officers.
GOV008	What percentage of planning applications, refused by members against a recommendation, was granted permission following an appeal?	50.0%	41.2%	50.0% Amber tolerance = 5.0% above target	No	This target should remain the same There have been fluctuations either side of the 50% over the past few years, but Members consider that if half their decisions to refuse planning permission are then dismissed on appeal, this is a good performance, given that these are usually balanced or contentious planning applications.