

## **Update on the Performance and the National Planning Improvement Co-ordinator September 2020**

We continue to work closely with authorities to ensure continuous improvement, not only in timescales for decision-making but also more general service improvements.

Every planning authority, 4 strategic development plan authorities, 7 key agencies and the SG Planning and Architecture Division prepare a Planning Performance Framework (PPF) report annually. PPFs provide a holistic view of the planning service in Scotland. They are not based solely on facts and figures but show the variety of work that takes place in authorities, their cross-cutting role and the places that are created through planning and decision-making.

SG provide feedback to authorities on a set of 15 key performance markers annually. A consultation on Planning Performance and Fees was published on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and responses were invited by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The consultation sought the views of stakeholders on revised Planning Performance and Fee regimes over the course of 59 questions (excluding sub-parts). 117 responses were received which are included in the analysis which will be published shortly.

The role of the co-ordinator is to monitor planning authorities' performance of their functions, and provide advice to planning authorities and others on improving their performance. We had previously indicated that the Coordinator would be appointed by Summer 2020, however, this has been delayed due to reprioritisation of work due to Covid.