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Planning applications processing time

Context

When dealing with a planning application, councils:

- take a number of steps to consult on and assess the application
- decide whether to approve the application
- notify the applicant of the decision.

1: The percentage of applications dealt with within target time

| Type of application | Number of applications | Percentage dealt with within two months |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| Householder | | |
| Non-householder | | |
| Total | | |

What the indicator reports

The indicator provides information on how long it takes each council to deal with planning applications:

- by householders seeking approval to build extensions to their homes, or to make other alterations to their properties which need permission.
- applications other than from householders, such as those from housing developers and commercial organisations. These are separately identified and reported because they often relate to larger-scale and more complex developments such as shops and manufacturing premises and, therefore, the number of consultees involved during the approval process may have the effect of extending the time taken to reach decisions.

Points to bear in mind

In its revised National Planning Policy Guideline 1 (November 2000), the Scottish Executive identified a series of targets for councils in dealing with planning applications. The target levels established include:

| Type of Application | 2 months | 3 months |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| All applications | 80% | 85% |
| Householder applications | 90% | 95% |

A range of factors may affect the time taken to deal with an application, including:

- the extent to which councillors have delegated responsibility for approving planning applications to officers (greater delegation will generally allow applications to be processed more quickly)
- the council's policy with regard to negotiations with applicants
- the number a type of applications received
- whether there are any objections to the application
- the number of situations where an applicant needs to submit amended plans in order to enable the planning officer to make a recommendation for approval
- the extent to which applications involve listed building consent or conservation area consent.

The time taken to deal with non-householder applications will be longer where:

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- an application requires an agreement to be drawn up with the applicant, regulating the future use of the property or land
- the application is contrary to the approved local or structure plan, in which case additional procedures have to be completed.

The Scottish Government target period of two months is extended to four months for those applications where, as part of the planning process, there is a need to undertake an analysis of the anticipated impact on the environment of the area.

Applications relating to listed buildings take longer to deal with because of the need to consult national bodies such as Historic Scotland. The Scottish Government target time for these applications is extended by four weeks to allow for this consultation.

Applications for properties in conservation areas may take longer to deal with because of the need for additional advertising and consultation. The proportion of such applications varies between councils. It is not related to the geographical area of a council, as a small council may have a large number of conservation areas.

In view of the possible impact of conservation areas and listed buildings on the average time councils take to deal with applications, particular care should be exercised when the performance of councils is being compared.

Planning appeals

2: The number of appeals that were successful:

- a) as a percentage of the number of planning determinations made by the council
- b) as a percentage of the number of determinations that went to appeal.

What the indicator reports

The indicator examines the extent to which planning applicants appealed to Scottish Ministers against the decision of their council and were successful in having the council's decision overturned.

The indicator relates to both householder and non-householder applications.

Points to bear in mind

The quality of decisions taken by the council may be considered to be high when both the level of appeals and the proportion of appeals sustained are low.

Among other reasons, a council may have an appeal upheld against it as a result of:

- basing its decision on outdated local plan policy
- taking a decision contrary to up-to-date local plan policy
- taking a decision inconsistent with previous decisions
- taking a decision which did not take into account any special circumstances of the case.

In deciding an appeal, Scottish Ministers, or the Reporter they appoint, may interpret national and local planning policy differently from the council.

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3. The percentage of the population covered by a Local Plan that has been adopted or finalised within the last 5 years.

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Local plans provide specific policy guidance on land use and environmental standards and are the basis for councils controlling development within their areas. There may be several plans for the area of the council.

The local plan for each area must conform to the relevant structure plan.

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The plan is finalised when the council agrees the plan for adoption subject to formal consultation.

The plan is 'adopted' by the council if there is no objection arising from its consultation or, if following a public inquiry, the council considers the inquiry report and recommendations.

This indicator examines the extent to which councils have in place up-to-date local plans as the basis for making decisions on specific planning applications and development proposals.

Points to bear in mind

Some councils may amend specific policies and proposals, rather than undertake comprehensive reviews of their plans, as a means of ensuring that their plans are kept up to date. This may result in new plans not being developed within each five-year period in accordance with government guidance for keeping plans up to date.

Any external delays, such as a major local plan inquiry or a proposal being called in by the Scottish Government, may result in a local plan taking more than five years to adopt.

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| | Number of householder planning applications | | | Number of householder applications dealt with within 2 months | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 1,334 | 1,397 | 1,389 | 1,138 | 1,116 | 1,081 |
| Aberdeenshire | 1,842 | 1,879 | 1,903 | 1,393 | 1,340 | 999 |
| Angus | 720 | 776 | 771 | 667 | 717 | 632 |
| Argyll & Bute | 666 | 572 | 520 | 590 | 477 | 409 |
| Clackmannanshire | 208 | 211 | 249 | 191 | 199 | 236 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 847 | 832 | 818 | 742 | 723 | 666 |
| Dundee City | 407 | 450 | 403 | 349 | 359 | 300 |
| East Ayrshire | 489 | 443 | 437 | 343 | 351 | 359 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 927 | 905 | 730 | 559 | 570 | 368 |
| East Lothian | 673 | 678 | 634 | 614 | 595 | 536 |
| East Renfrewshire | 780 | 772 | 738 | 607 | 599 | 544 |
| Edinburgh, City of | 2,247 | 2,121 | 2,243 | 1,730 | 1,678 | 1,910 |
| Eilean Siar | 91 | 64 | 81 | 69 | 52 | 55 |
| Falkirk | 624 | 592 | 514 | 508 | 504 | 426 |
| Fife | 1,946 | 1,967 | 1,899 | 1,246 | 1,297 | 1,366 |
| Glasgow City | 1,402 | 1,283 | 1,155 | 1,221 | 1,189 | 829 |
| Highland | 1,577 | 1,468 | 1,345 | 1,211 | 1,169 | 1,070 |
| Inverclyde | 237 | 251 | 222 | 211 | 229 | 188 |
| Midlothian | 519 | 491 | 472 | 460 | 365 | 410 |
| Moray | 547 | 573 | 557 | 462 | 427 | 411 |
| North Ayrshire | 521 | 541 | 481 | 456 | 476 | 440 |
| North Lanarkshire | 1,111 | 1,146 | 1,010 | 842 | 1,010 | 887 |
| Orkney Islands | 155 | 149 | 131 | 57 | 104 | 110 |
| Perth & Kinross | 1,049 | 995 | 1,039 | 716 | 685 | 724 |
| Renfrewshire | 743 | 647 | 575 | 547 | 489 | 447 |
| Scottish Borders | 862 | 854 | 852 | 561 | 594 | 591 |
| Shetland Islands | 117 | 110 | 120 | 84 | 78 | 29 |
| South Ayrshire | 773 | 824 | 763 | 529 | 589 | 461 |
| South Lanarkshire | 1,495 | 1,460 | 1,382 | 1,229 | 1,364 | 1,243 |
| Stirling | 537 | 474 | 535 | 448 | 398 | 427 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 284 | 243 | 209 | 258 | 226 | 192 |
| West Lothian | 654 | 604 | 579 | 617 | 591 | 546 |
| Scotland | 26,267 | 25,772 | 24,756 | 20,571 | 20,560 | 18,892 |

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| Development Services | Indicator 1 | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| | Percentage of householder applications dealt with within 2 months | | | Number of non-householder applications | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 85.3% | 79.9% | 77.8% | 819 | 907 | 854 |
| Aberdeenshire | 75.6% | 71.3% | 52.5% | 1,952 | 2,065 | 2,157 |
| Angus | 92.6% | 92.4% | 82.0% | 735 | 726 | 724 |
| Argyll & Bute | 88.6% | 83.4% | 78.7% | 1,196 | 1,202 | 1,150 |
| Clackmannanshire | 91.8% | 94.3% | 94.8% | 204 | 173 | 160 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 87.6% | 86.9% | 81.4% | 1,608 | 1,590 | 1,517 |
| Dundee City | 85.7% | 79.8% | 74.4% | 495 | 498 | 565 |
| East Ayrshire | 70.1% | 79.2% | 82.2% | 621 | 608 | 507 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 60.3% | 63.0% | 50.4% | 234 | 246 | 210 |
| East Lothian | 91.2% | 87.8% | 84.5% | 491 | 492 | 525 |
| East Renfrewshire | 77.8% | 77.6% | 73.7% | 195 | 175 | 198 |
| Edinburgh, City of | 77.0% | 79.1% | 85.2% | 2,051 | 2,345 | 2,146 |
| Eilean Siar | 75.8% | 81.3% | 67.9% | 510 | 532 | 475 |
| Falkirk | 81.4% | 85.1% | 82.9% | 485 | 513 | 459 |
| Fife | 64.0% | 65.9% | 71.9% | 1,781 | 1,822 | 1,670 |
| Glasgow City | 87.1% | 92.7% | 71.8% | 2,381 | 2,231 | 2,459 |
| Highland | 76.8% | 79.6% | 79.6% | 3,128 | 3,354 | 3,163 |
| Inverclyde | 89.0% | 91.2% | 84.7% | 328 | 287 | 269 |
| Midlothian | 88.6% | 74.3% | 86.9% | 373 | 320 | 397 |
| Moray | 84.5% | 74.5% | 73.8% | 815 | 953 | 903 |
| North Ayrshire | 87.5% | 88.0% | 91.5% | 566 | 590 | 521 |
| North Lanarkshire | 75.8% | 88.1% | 87.8% | 772 | 854 | 729 |
| Orkney Islands | 36.8% | 69.8% | 84.0% | 328 | 410 | 397 |
| Perth & Kinross | 68.3% | 68.8% | 69.7% | 1,153 | 1,325 | 1,401 |
| Renfrewshire | 73.6% | 75.6% | 77.7% | 492 | 503 | 515 |
| Scottish Borders | 65.1% | 69.6% | 69.4% | 1,344 | 1,393 | 1,352 |
| Shetland Islands | 71.8% | 70.9% | 24.2% | 230 | 300 | 336 |
| South Ayrshire | 68.4% | 71.5% | 60.4% | 714 | 773 | 728 |
| South Lanarkshire | 82.2% | 93.4% | 89.9% | 1,162 | 1,232 | 1,131 |
| Stirling | 83.4% | 84.0% | 79.8% | 467 | 488 | 460 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 90.8% | 93.0% | 91.9% | 236 | 199 | 180 |
| West Lothian | 94.3% | 97.8% | 94.3% | 580 | 651 | 567 |
| Scotland | 78.3% | 79.8% | 76.3% | 28,216 | 29,757 | 28,825 |

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|----------------------|---|-----------|---------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| | Number of non-householder applications dealt with within 2 months | | | Percentage of non-householder applications dealt with within 2 months | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 404 | 400 | 353 | 49.3% | 44.1% | 41.3% |
| Aberdeenshire | 740 | 700 | 517 | 37.9% | 33.9% | 24.0% |
| Angus | 289 | 324 | 311 | 39.3% | 44.6% | 43.0% |
| Argyll & Bute | 610 | 634 | 572 | 51.0% | 52.7% | 49.7% |
| Clackmannanshire | 133 | 131 | 117 | 65.2% | 75.7% | 73.1% |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 765 | 749 | 747 | 47.6% | 47.1% | 49.2% |
| Dundee City | 207 | 196 | 238 | 41.8% | 39.4% | 42.1% |
| East Ayrshire | 206 | 231 | 219 | 33.2% | 38.0% | 43.2% |
| East Dunbartonshire | 72 | 120 | 107 | 30.8% | 48.8% | 51.0% |
| East Lothian | 232 | 210 | 211 | 47.3% | 42.7% | 40.2% |
| East Renfrewshire | 70 | 81 | 82 | 35.9% | 46.3% | 41.4% |
| Edinburgh, City of | 959 | 1,169 | 1,076 | 46.8% | 49.9% | 50.1% |
| Eilean Siar | 327 | 337 | 248 | 64.1% | 63.3% | 52.2% |
| Falkirk | 163 | 209 | 227 | 33.6% | 40.7% | 49.5% |
| Fife | 551 | 579 | 552 | 30.9% | 31.8% | 33.1% |
| Glasgow City | 1,207 | 1,191 | 1,131 | 50.7% | 53.4% | 46.0% |
| Highland | 1,417 | 1,589 | 1,509 | 45.3% | 47.4% | 47.7% |
| Inverclyde | 207 | 194 | 178 | 63.1% | 67.6% | 66.2% |
| Midlothian | 171 | 129 | 194 | 45.8% | 40.3% | 48.9% |
| Moray | 297 | 298 | 269 | 36.4% | 31.3% | 29.8% |
| North Ayrshire | 300 | 374 | 333 | 53.0% | 63.4% | 63.9% |
| North Lanarkshire | 306 | 510 | 401 | 39.6% | 59.7% | 55.0% |
| Orkney Islands | 115 | 151 | 236 | 35.1% | 36.8% | 59.4% |
| Perth & Kinross | 533 | 479 | 472 | 46.2% | 36.2% | 33.7% |
| Renfrewshire | 224 | 204 | 223 | 45.5% | 40.6% | 43.3% |
| Scottish Borders | 495 | 456 | 427 | 36.8% | 32.7% | 31.6% |
| Shetland Islands | 151 | 84 | 79 | 65.7% | 28.0% | 23.5% |
| South Ayrshire | 302 | 309 | 249 | 42.3% | 40.0% | 34.2% |
| South Lanarkshire | 485 | 693 | 576 | 41.7% | 56.3% | 50.9% |
| Stirling | 274 | 245 | 240 | 58.7% | 50.2% | 52.2% |
| West Dunbartonshire | 117 | 148 | 124 | 49.6% | 74.4% | 68.9% |
| West Lothian | 410 | 389 | 359 | 70.7% | 59.8% | 63.3% |
| Scotland | 12,588 | 13,513 | 12,577 | 44.6% | 45.4% | 43.6% |

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| Development Services | Indicator 1 | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|---------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| | Total number of householder and non-householder applications | | | Total number of planning applications dealt with within 2 months | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 2,153 | 2,304 | 2,243 | 1,542 | 1,516 | 1,434 |
| Aberdeenshire | 3,794 | 3,944 | 4,060 | 2,133 | 2,040 | 1,516 |
| Angus | 1,455 | 1,502 | 1,495 | 956 | 1,041 | 943 |
| Argyll & Bute | 1,862 | 1,774 | 1,670 | 1,200 | 1,111 | 981 |
| Clackmannanshire | 412 | 384 | 409 | 324 | 330 | 353 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 2,455 | 2,422 | 2,335 | 1,507 | 1,472 | 1,413 |
| Dundee City | 902 | 948 | 968 | 556 | 555 | 538 |
| East Ayrshire | 1,110 | 1,051 | 944 | 549 | 582 | 578 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 1,161 | 1,151 | 940 | 631 | 690 | 475 |
| East Lothian | 1,164 | 1,170 | 1,159 | 846 | 805 | 747 |
| East Renfrewshire | 975 | 947 | 936 | 677 | 680 | 626 |
| Edinburgh, City of | 4,298 | 4,466 | 4,389 | 2,689 | 2,847 | 2,986 |
| Eilean Siar | 601 | 596 | 556 | 396 | 389 | 303 |
| Falkirk | 1,109 | 1,105 | 973 | 671 | 713 | 653 |
| Fife | 3,727 | 3,789 | 3,569 | 1,797 | 1,876 | 1,918 |
| Glasgow City | 3,783 | 3,514 | 3,614 | 2,428 | 2,380 | 1,960 |
| Highland | 4,705 | 4,822 | 4,508 | 2,628 | 2,758 | 2,579 |
| Inverclyde | 565 | 538 | 491 | 418 | 423 | 366 |
| Midlothian | 892 | 811 | 869 | 631 | 494 | 604 |
| Moray | 1,362 | 1,526 | 1,460 | 759 | 725 | 680 |
| North Ayrshire | 1,087 | 1,131 | 1,002 | 756 | 850 | 773 |
| North Lanarkshire | 1,883 | 2,000 | 1,739 | 1,148 | 1,520 | 1,288 |
| Orkney Islands | 483 | 559 | 528 | 172 | 255 | 346 |
| Perth & Kinross | 2,202 | 2,320 | 2,440 | 1,249 | 1,164 | 1,196 |
| Renfrewshire | 1,235 | 1,150 | 1,090 | 771 | 693 | 670 |
| Scottish Borders | 2,206 | 2,247 | 2,204 | 1,056 | 1,050 | 1,018 |
| Shetland Islands | 347 | 410 | 456 | 235 | 162 | 108 |
| South Ayrshire | 1,487 | 1,597 | 1,491 | 831 | 898 | 710 |
| South Lanarkshire | 2,657 | 2,692 | 2,513 | 1,714 | 2,057 | 1,819 |
| Stirling | 1,004 | 962 | 995 | 722 | 643 | 667 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 520 | 442 | 389 | 375 | 374 | 316 |
| West Lothian | 1,234 | 1,255 | 1,146 | 1,027 | 980 | 905 |
| Scotland | 54,483 | 55,529 | 53,581 | 33,159 | 34,073 | 31,469 |

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| Development Services | Indicator 1 | | | Indicator 2 | | |
|----------------------|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Percentage of all planning applications dealt with within 2 months | | | Number of planning determinations | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 71.6% | 65.8% | 63.9% | 2,153 | 2,304 | 2,243 |
| Aberdeenshire | 56.2% | 51.7% | 37.3% | 3,794 | 3,944 | 4,060 |
| Angus | 65.7% | 69.3% | 63.1% | 1,455 | 1,502 | 1,495 |
| Argyll & Bute | 64.4% | 62.6% | 58.7% | 1,862 | 1,774 | 1,670 |
| Clackmannanshire | 78.6% | 85.9% | 86.3% | 412 | 385 | 409 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 61.4% | 60.8% | 60.5% | 2,455 | 2,422 | 2,335 |
| Dundee City | 61.6% | 58.5% | 55.6% | 902 | 948 | 968 |
| East Ayrshire | 49.5% | 55.4% | 61.2% | 1,110 | 1,051 | 944 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 54.3% | 59.9% | 50.5% | 1,161 | 1,151 | 940 |
| East Lothian | 72.7% | 68.8% | 64.5% | 1,164 | 1,170 | 1,159 |
| East Renfrewshire | 69.4% | 71.8% | 66.9% | 975 | 947 | 936 |
| Edinburgh, City of | 62.6% | 63.7% | 68.0% | 4,298 | 4,466 | 4,389 |
| Eilean Siar | 65.9% | 65.3% | 54.5% | 601 | 596 | 556 |
| Falkirk | 60.5% | 64.5% | 67.1% | 1,109 | 1,105 | 973 |
| Fife | 48.2% | 49.5% | 53.7% | 3,727 | 3,744 | 3,530 |
| Glasgow City | 64.2% | 67.7% | 54.2% | 3,783 | 3,514 | 3,614 |
| Highland | 55.9% | 57.2% | 57.2% | 4,705 | 4,822 | 4,508 |
| Inverclyde | 74.0% | 78.6% | 74.5% | 565 | 538 | 491 |
| Midlothian | 70.7% | 60.9% | 69.5% | 892 | 811 | 869 |
| Moray | 55.7% | 47.5% | 46.6% | 1,362 | 1,526 | 1,460 |
| North Ayrshire | 69.5% | 75.2% | 77.1% | 1,087 | 1,131 | 1,002 |
| North Lanarkshire | 61.0% | 76.0% | 74.1% | 1,883 | 2,000 | 1,739 |
| Orkney Islands | 35.6% | 45.6% | 65.5% | 483 | 559 | 523 |
| Perth & Kinross | 56.7% | 50.2% | 49.0% | 2,202 | 2,320 | 2,440 |
| Renfrewshire | 62.4% | 60.3% | 61.5% | 1,235 | 1,150 | 1,090 |
| Scottish Borders | 47.9% | 46.7% | 46.2% | 2,206 | 2,247 | 2,204 |
| Shetland Islands | 67.7% | 39.5% | 23.7% | 346 | 410 | 456 |
| South Ayrshire | 55.9% | 56.2% | 47.6% | 1,487 | 1,597 | 1,491 |
| South Lanarkshire | 64.5% | 76.4% | 72.4% | 2,657 | 2,692 | 2,513 |
| Stirling | 71.9% | 66.8% | 67.0% | 1,004 | 962 | 995 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 72.1% | 84.6% | 81.2% | 520 | 442 | 387 |
| West Lothian | 83.2% | 78.1% | 79.0% | 1,234 | 1,255 | 1,146 |
| Scotland | 60.9% | 61.4% | 58.7% | 54,829 | 55,075 | 53,535 |

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| Development Services | Indicator 2 | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Number of planning determinations that went to appeal | | | Number of successful appeals | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 25 | 42 | 28 | 8 | 20 | 12 |
| Aberdeenshire | 49 | 57 | 76 | 10 | 29 | 33 |
| Angus | 27 | 18 | 31 | 6 | 5 | 14 |
| Argyll & Bute | 20 | 25 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| Clackmannanshire | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 29 | 29 | 22 | 11 | 6 | 10 |
| Dundee City | 26 | 23 | 40 | 19 | 13 | 19 |
| East Ayrshire | 15 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| East Dunbartonshire | 40 | 19 | 22 | 9 | 3 | 9 |
| East Lothian | 16 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| East Renfrewshire | 23 | 28 | 23 | 9 | 11 | 9 |
| Edinburgh, City of | 118 | 116 | 81 | 45 | 41 | 27 |
| Eilean Siar | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Falkirk | 9 | 11 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Fife | 33 | 97 | 85 | 14 | 41 | 29 |
| Glasgow City | 73 | 75 | 94 | 28 | 34 | 51 |
| Highland | 42 | 18 | 19 | 22 | 6 | 10 |
| Inverclyde | 18 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 3 |
| Midlothian | 10 | 12 | 21 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| Moray | 30 | 43 | 48 | 8 | 13 | 12 |
| North Ayrshire | 19 | 27 | 27 | 6 | 11 | 9 |
| North Lanarkshire | 35 | 30 | 26 | 19 | 12 | 14 |
| Orkney Islands | 1 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Perth & Kinross | 77 | 76 | 66 | 23 | 24 | 23 |
| Renfrewshire | 28 | 17 | 31 | 12 | 8 | 17 |
| Scottish Borders | 52 | 42 | 45 | 12 | 14 | 13 |
| Shetland Islands | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| South Ayrshire | 22 | 34 | 38 | 8 | 11 | 12 |
| South Lanarkshire | 26 | 47 | 49 | 11 | 14 | 14 |
| Stirling | 24 | 10 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 8 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 13 | 12 | 16 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| West Lothian | 24 | 19 | 23 | 9 | 7 | 8 |
| Scotland | 933 | 962 | 1,016 | 348 | 361 | 389 |

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| | Successful appeals as a percentage of determinations | | | Successful appeals as a percentage of determinations that went to appeal | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 0.4% | 0.9% | 0.5% | 32.0% | 47.6% | 42.9% |
| Aberdeenshire | 0.3% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 20.4% | 50.9% | 43.4% |
| Angus | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.9% | 22.2% | 27.8% | 45.2% |
| Argyll & Bute | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 30.0% | 24.0% | 27.3% |
| Clackmannanshire | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.2% | 50.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.4% | 37.9% | 20.7% | 45.5% |
| Dundee City | 2.1% | 1.4% | 2.0% | 73.1% | 56.5% | 47.5% |
| East Ayrshire | 0.7% | 0.8% | 0.4% | 53.3% | 61.5% | 33.3% |
| East Dunbartonshire | 0.8% | 0.3% | 1.0% | 22.5% | 15.8% | 40.9% |
| East Lothian | 0.7% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 50.0% | 20.0% | 25.0% |
| East Renfrewshire | 0.9% | 1.2% | 1.0% | 39.1% | 39.3% | 39.1% |
| Edinburgh, City of | 1.0% | 0.9% | 0.6% | 38.1% | 35.3% | 33.3% |
| Eilean Siar | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Falkirk | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.5% | 33.3% | 9.1% | 20.8% |
| Fife | 0.4% | 1.1% | 0.8% | 42.4% | 57.7% | 34.1% |
| Glasgow City | 0.7% | 1.0% | 1.4% | 38.4% | 45.3% | 54.3% |
| Highland | 0.5% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 52.4% | 33.3% | 52.6% |
| Inverclyde | 1.9% | 0.7% | 0.6% | 61.1% | 44.4% | 27.3% |
| Midlothian | 0.4% | 0.9% | 0.6% | 40.0% | 58.3% | 23.8% |
| Moray | 0.6% | 0.9% | 0.8% | 26.7% | 30.2% | 25.0% |
| North Ayrshire | 0.6% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 31.6% | 40.7% | 33.3% |
| North Lanarkshire | 1.0% | 0.6% | 0.8% | 54.3% | 40.0% | 53.8% |
| Orkney Islands | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.8% | 0.0% | 100.0% | 33.3% |
| Perth & Kinross | 1.0% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 29.9% | 31.6% | 34.8% |
| Renfrewshire | 1.0% | 0.7% | 1.6% | 42.9% | 47.1% | 54.8% |
| Scottish Borders | 0.5% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 23.1% | 33.3% | 28.9% |
| Shetland Islands | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 100.0% | 66.7% |
| South Ayrshire | 0.5% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 36.4% | 32.4% | 31.6% |
| South Lanarkshire | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.6% | 42.3% | 29.8% | 28.6% |
| Stirling | 0.9% | 0.2% | 0.8% | 37.5% | 20.0% | 44.4% |
| West Dunbartonshire | 1.3% | 1.1% | 1.6% | 53.8% | 41.7% | 37.5% |
| West Lothian | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.7% | 37.5% | 36.8% | 34.8% |
| Scotland | 0.6% | 0.7% | 0.7% | 37.3% | 37.5% | 38.3% |

Development services

| Development Services | Indicator 3 | | |
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| | Percentage of population covered by local plans adopted within the last 5 years | | |
| | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 |
| Aberdeen City | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Aberdeenshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Angus | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Argyll & Bute | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Clackmannanshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Dundee City | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| East Ayrshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| East Dunbartonshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| East Lothian | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| East Renfrewshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Edinburgh, City of | 34.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Eilean Siar | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Falkirk | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Fife | 84.0% | 81.0% | 44.0% |
| Glasgow City | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Highland | 71.0% | 72.0% | 59.0% |
| Inverclyde | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Midlothian | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Moray | 0.0% | 98.5% | 100.0% |
| North Ayrshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| North Lanarkshire | 48.9% | 49.0% | 49.0% |
| Orkney Islands | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Perth & Kinross | 8.2% | 8.2% | 8.2% |
| Renfrewshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Scottish Borders | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Shetland Islands | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| South Ayrshire | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| South Lanarkshire | 34.3% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Stirling | 0.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| West Dunbartonshire | 49.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| West Lothian | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Scotland | | | |