

## SERVICE UPDATE

<b><u>Name of Service:</u></b>	Strategic Place Planning
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<b><u>Title of Update:</u></b>	Building Performance Policy progress
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### **UPDATE:**

In January 2016 the BPP was approved (20th January 2016, CHI/15/256), establishing standards for construction of new buildings and refurbishment projects overseen by the Council. The BPP goes beyond section 7 of Building Standards, exceeding minimum requirements and encouraging more demanding sustainability standards in construction and refurbishment of Council owned properties. It relates wider than just the built form with a scope that includes location and accessibility. Under section 2.1 d) on the May 2017 Communities, Housing and Infrastructure committee (CHI/16/124) that officers should scrutinise policy compliance and report back on performance. Since the BPP has been established the following has taken place:

- Development of guidance to support policy implementation and accompanying checklist to aid decision making. The checklist is currently under review to make it more user friendly.
- Training of internal stakeholders including representatives from schools, assets and estates, education, engineers, the design team, technical officers, elected members, Local Development Plan team, procurement and development management.
- Digital connectivity being introduced across the whole of Aberdeen city was part of requirements under the City Regional Deal and meet the digital aspects of the policy.
- The design team deal with around 40 or so projects each year, the vast majority of which are small refurbishments and would not require adhering to the policy.
- Since the start of 2017, the only major project passing through the design team was the Tillydrone Community Hub, of which, a checklist was completed.
- One of the partial refurbishment projects was quite large but still not mandatory as far as the checklist was concerned – the Crematorium Refurbishment. As it was quite large, though a checklist was completed.
- No further information is available on other projects across Council services regarding policy compliance.

A revised BPP and associated documentation will be put before committee in 2019.