

## **Benchmarking Report** **(Quarter 1 – 2022/23)**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1. The following report details the end of year figures for the 2022/23 financial year i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 for a number of local authorities initially identified using the CIPFA 'Nearest Neighbours' model. The following authorities provided figures for this benchmarking exercise:

- East Staffordshire Borough Council
- Chorley Council
- Gedling Borough Council
- High Peak Borough Council

1.2. However it should be noted that not all participating authorities are in a position to provide data for all the performance indicators in the exercise. A comparison table for each performance indicator is shown below, where a sufficient number of councils have provided comparable data for that indicator.

1.3. To ensure data quality and allow for fair comparison between the participating authorities, the participating authorities were asked to highlight where any performance indicator was not calculated using previously published NI / BVPI definitions or guidance.

1.4. **Some variations have been highlighted so please take these into account when considering this report.**

1.5. **Where no additional comment has been made to highlight variations, then the report assumes that the figures provided are cumulative and that they are calculated in accordance with recognised NI / BVPI definitions. Other comments provided by the relevant participating authority have also been detailed where appropriate.**

## 2. Former National Indicators and Best Value Performance Indicators

Rank	Authority	Indicator	2021/22 Q1	2021/22 Year End	Q1 2022/23
<b>NI 157a - Processing of major planning applications (%)</b>					
1	Authority A	NI 157a			100
1	Authority B	NI 157a	100	100	100
1	Authority C	NI 157a	100	100	100
4	East Staffordshire	NI 157a	100	100	83
<b>NI 157b - Processing of minor planning applications (%)</b>					
1	Authority A	NI 157b			100
2	East Staffordshire	NI 157b	92	94	90
3	Authority C	NI 157b	88	88	86
4	Authority B	NI 157b	81	82	85
<b>NI 157c - Processing of other planning applications (%)</b>					
1	East Staffordshire	NI 157c	97	97	96
2	Authority C	NI 157c	93	90	90
3	Authority B	NI 157c	78	85	85

Rank	Authority	Indicator	2021/22 Q1	2021/22 Year End	Q1 2022/23
<b>NI 181 - Time taken to process Housing / Council Tax Benefit new claims and changes (days)</b>					
1	Authority A	NI 181			2.88
2	East Staffordshire	NI 181	4.07	3.97	3.8
3	Authority B	NI 181	7	5.6	11.3

Rank	Authority	Indicator	2021/22 Q1	2021/22 Year End	Q1 2022/23
<b>NI 191 - Residual household waste per household (kg)</b>					
1	Authority C	NI 191	108.27	437.92	108.68*
2	East Staffordshire	NI 191	133	529.84	130*
3	Authority B	NI 191	135.7	535.29	146*
<b>NI 192 - Household waste recycled and composted (%)</b>					
1	Authority C	NI 192	52.59	47.1	49.45*
2	East Staffordshire	NI 192	46.32	42.19	41*
3	Authority B	NI 192	37.50%	33.90%	32.00%*

\*Estimated

Rank	Authority	Indicator	2021/22 Q1	2021/22 Year End	Q1 2022/23
<b>BVPI 9 - Council Tax collected (%)</b>					
1	East Staffordshire	BVPI 9	30	96.97	29.3
2	Authority C	BVPI 9	28.78	98.1	28.34
3	Authority A	BVPI 9			28.25
4	Authority B	BVPI 9	28.43	98.06	28.19
<b>BVPI 10 - NNDR collected (%)</b>					
1	East Staffordshire	BVPI 10	33	98.67	34.58
2	Authority C	BVPI 10	29.1	98.7	31.15
3	Authority B	BVPI 10	29.6	97.36	30.94
4	Authority A	BVPI 10			24.56
<b>BVPI 12 - Days sick per member of staff (variation 1 – Short Term Sick)</b>					
1	Authority A	BVPI 12 var.1			0.59
2	Authority C	BVPI 12 var.1	0.76	3.35	0.82
3	East Staffordshire	BVPI 12 var.1	0.48	3.74	0.91

### 3. Summary

3.1. There are 8 performance indicators relevant to East Staffordshire Borough Council included in this benchmarking exercise.

3.2. Please note that there are different numbers of authorities that have participated in the benchmarking of each indicator.

3.3. East Staffordshire Borough Council has been ranked as follows

- i. **NI 157a:** Processing of major planning applications (%)  
**Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> of 4 participating authorities**
- ii. **NI 157b:** Processing of minor planning applications  
**Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 participating authorities**
- iii. **NI 157c:** Processing of other planning applications  
**Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 participating authorities**
- iv. **NI 191:** Residual household waste per household  
**Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 participating authorities**
- v. **NI 192:** Household waste recycled and composted  
**Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 participating authorities**
- vi. **BVPI 9:** Council Tax collected (%)  
**Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 participating authorities**
- vii. **BVPI 10:** NNDR collected  
**Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 participating authorities**
- viii. **BVPI 12:** Days sick per member of staff (variation 1 – Short Term Sick)  
**Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2 participating authorities**