

### Appendix 3: Planning compliance caseloads in North Wales authorities

| Authority    | No. of officers (FTE) | No. of cases per year (avg.) | Active cases (apx.) | Active cases per officer |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Anglesey     | 3                     | 300                          | 350                 | 117                      |
| Conwy        | 2.6                   | 300                          | 140                 | 54                       |
| Denbighshire | 0*                    | 200                          | 590                 | 590                      |
| Eryri        | 1.6                   | Unknown                      | 200                 | 125                      |
| Flintshire   | 3                     | 350                          | 250                 | 83                       |
| Gwynedd      | Unknown               | Unknown                      | Unknown             | Unknown                  |
| Wrexham      | 3                     | 350                          | 100                 | 33                       |

\* Since November 2024, Denbighshire County Council has had zero planning compliance officers. This is the first time that the Council has had no officers dedicated to planning compliance since 2016. In the intervening period, the Council has typically had fewer officers than neighbouring authorities. From 2016 to 2021, the Council has one officer. From 2021 to 2024, the Council had two officers. Approval has now been granted by the Chief Executive Team to recruit one officer, and this process is underway. One officer is however unlikely to remedy the backlog caused by years of insufficient resource.