

## Development Control Performance Quarter January – March 2006

### RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 This report is based on the contents of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's statistical report on planning applications and decisions relating to Derby for the period January to March 2006.
- 2.2 Our overall performance for that quarter was **77%** of applications dealt with in eight weeks. This was **1** percentage point lower than in the previous quarter.
- 2.3 The performance level for dealing with householder applications, at **85%** within eight weeks, was **3** percentage points lower than in the previous quarter.
- 2.4 We received **519** applications **137** more than in the previous quarter.
- 2.5 The number of decisions made was **411**, which was **30** fewer than during October – December 2005.
- 2.6 Of all the decisions made, **89%** were made under delegated powers; this is the same as the previous quarter but lower than the **90%** target expected by the Government. If this trend continues we will have to revisit the delegation arrangements.
- 2.7 During January – March 2006 our performance levels in dealing with major, minor and other types of applications were as shown below:

Type	Government Target	Local Target	Performance in Quarter (change from previous quarter)
Major	<b>60%</b> in 13 weeks	<b>57%</b>	<b>64%</b> (+2%)
Minor	<b>65%</b> in 8 weeks	<b>69%</b>	<b>68%</b> (-)
Others	<b>80%</b> in 8 weeks	<b>83%</b>	<b>85%</b> (-1%)

- 2.8 Members will note that we continue to exceed the Government targets and were only 1 percentage point away from achieving all our own targets for each category of application. It was particularly satisfying to continue to exceed the target for major applications as we have concentrated a great deal of extra effort into dealing with those applications. To put this excellent performance into context the following table shows how we compare with similar neighbouring authorities including the number of applications received which, in terms of performance, workload is a major factor in output.

	<b>Applications received in Quarter</b>	<b>Total Decisions in Quarter</b>	<b>Decisions within 8 weeks Number percent</b>		<b>Major Decisions within 13 weeks Number percent</b>	
Derby	519	411	317	77	14	64
City of Nottingham	441	384	315	82	14	70
Leicester	542	471	400	85	14	54
Stoke on Trent	383	281	241	86	18	82

- 2.9 The charts in Appendix 2 show the following:

Chart 1 – Overall performance since 1990

Chart 2 – Statistical distribution of national performance levels for the three categories of planning applications with this Authority's performances superimposed.

Chart 3 – Total number of applications received.

Chart 4 – Total number of decisions, split to show those that took less than and more than eight weeks.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Office of Deputy Prime Minister Statistical Release – Planning Applications
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Charts

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. None..

**Legal**

2. None.

**Personnel**

3. None.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

4. Our performance levels in dealing with planning applications have implications for delivering excellent services, performance and value for money (priority).