

**Development Control Performance
Quarter October – December 2005****RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 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 October to December 2005.
- 2.2 Our overall performance for that quarter was **78%** of applications dealt with in eight weeks. This was **11** percentage points lower than in the previous quarter, but still in excess of the national average for 2004/5 which was **77%**.
- 2.3 The performance level for dealing with householder applications, at **88%** within eight weeks, was **6** percentage points lower than in the previous quarter.
- 2.4 We received **382** applications **100** fewer than in the previous quarter.
- 2.5 The number of decisions made was **441**, which was **10** fewer than during July-September 2005.
- 2.6 Of all the decisions made, **89%** were made under delegated powers; this was lower than in the previous quarter.
- 2.7 During October-December 2005 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 |
|--------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Major | 60% in 13 weeks | 57% | 62% |
| Minor | 65% in 8 weeks | 69% | 68% |
| Others | 80% in 8 weeks | 83% | 86% |

- 2.8 Members will note that we met the Government targets and were only **1** percentage point away from achieving 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: because we had previously performed below target, we had been designated a "Standards Authority", although that classification is now no longer applicable to

Derby given our consistent performance. This was confirmed in a letter to the Leader by Baroness Andrews who congratulated the Authority in making excellent progress in performance. The letter noted that further areas of improvement need to be addressed in order to sustain the successes achieved so far and this will be a priority in the coming months.

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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| Background papers: | Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Statistical Release – Planning Applications |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Charts |

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Personnel

3.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

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