

Development Control Performance Quarter July - September 2006

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 This report is based on the contents of the Communities and Local Government's statistical report on planning applications and decisions relating to Derby for the period July - September 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 **81%** within eight weeks, was **4** percentage points lower than in the previous quarter.
- 2.4 We received **438** applications **58** fewer than in the previous quarter.
- 2.5 The number of decisions made was **437**, which was **11** fewer than during April – June 2006.
- 2.6 Of all the decisions made, **93%** were made under delegated powers; this is thankfully above the **90%** target expected by the Government and helps to improve our annual figure referred to at the last meeting.
- 2.7 During July - September 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	60% in 13 weeks	57%	63% (-12%)
Minor	65% in 8 weeks	69%	69% (+3%)
Others	80% in 8 weeks	83%	81% (-4)

- 2.8 Members will note that we continue to exceed the Government targets in all categories and were only **2** percentage points 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 this is particularly important for economic prosperity, the development industry and associated performance related rewards. 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.
- 2.9 It should be noted that performance can be affected by seasonal trends – more applications tend to be submitted in Spring, staff recruitment/vacancies and illness. I anticipate a slight down turn in performance for the next reported quarter.

	Applications received in Quarter	Total Decisions in Quarter	Decisions within 8 weeks Number percent		Major Decisions Total Number/ percent within 13 weeks	
Derby	438	437	337	77	8	63
City of Nottingham		397	330	83	15	73
Leicester		504	444	88	33	73
Stoke on Trent		368	309	84	25	88

- 2.10 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: Communities and Local Government Statistical Release – Planning Applications
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 - Charts

IMPLICATIONS

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).