

Development Control Performance Quarter July-Sept 2008

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 This report gives details of our statistical performance on planning applications and decisions made during the periods July-Sept 2008.
- 2.2 Our performance levels were as shown below:

Type	Government Target	April-June 2008 Actual Performance (change from previous quarter)
Major	60% in 13 weeks	39% (-6%)
Minor	65% in 8 weeks	60% (+20%)
Other	80% in 8 weeks	76% (+10%)
Total Number Determined	-	431
Total Number Received	-	388

- 2.3 Of all the decisions made, 94% were made under delegated powers in this period.
- 2.4 In the period being reported this month, there was a considerable downturn in applications received and determined. Nationally, planning authorities saw a decrease of 19% in the proportion of applications received when compared with the same quarter a year ago, and a 15% decrease in the proportion of applications determined.
- 2.5 Members should note that in this period the Development Control Section was very understaffed due to the absence of a Principal Planning Officer on long term sickness, together with the maternity leave of a Senior Planning Officer, and two Planning Officers posts being vacant. In a team of twelve, 4 vacant posts has a considerable impact on performance and workload. In view of the current staffing situation, I am at present looking at how we can limit the negative impact on performance.

- 2.6 The fall in the major performance is where applicants have become reluctant to sign section 106 Agreements, which is outside our control – although we do consider refusal of such applications on a case by case basis.

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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)