



Development Control Performance Quarter Oct - Dec 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 Oct-Dec 2008.
- 2.2 Our performance levels were as shown below:

Type	Government Target	Oct-Dec 2008 Actual Performance (change from previous quarter)
Major	60% in 13 weeks	43% (-4%)
Minor	65% in 8 weeks	64% (+4%)
Other	80% in 8 weeks	85% (+9%)
Total Number Determined	-	342
Total Number Received	-	319

- 2.3 Of all the decisions made, 92% 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 26% in the proportion of applications received when compared with the same quarter a year ago, and a 22% decrease in the proportion of applications determined.
- 2.5 Members should note that in this period the Development Control Section remained understaffed due to the absence of a Principal Planning Officer on long term sickness, and two Planning Officers posts being vacant.
- 2.6 Members will recall that at the 9 April meeting of this Committee, they approved amended delegation arrangements. The implementation of these changes should have a positive impact on performance figures in future quarters.

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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).