



**Development Control Performance  
Quarter July-September 2009**

**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 period July-September 2009.
- 2.2 Our performance levels were as shown below:

Type	Government Target	July-Sept 2009 Actual Performance (change from previous quarter)
Major	60% in 13 weeks	60% (-7%)
Minor	65% in 8 weeks	81% (+3%)
Other	80% in 8 weeks	85% (-5%)
Total Number Determined	-	321
Total Number Received	-	346

- 2.3 Of all the decisions made, 92% were made under delegated powers in this period.
- 2.4 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, and two Planning Officers posts being vacant. As a result, the workload for each officer is above the 150 applications recommended per year and this is despite the number of applications received being lower than in the previous year.
- 2.5 Nevertheless the team have managed to meet the government performance targets for another quarter which reflects well on customer delivery and the Council as a whole.

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Appendix 1 - Implications

<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)