



**Development Control Performance
Quarter April – June 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 April to June 2005.
- 2.2 Our overall performance for that quarter was **83%** of applications dealt with in eight weeks. This was **11** percentage points higher than in the previous quarter.
- 2.3 The national average was **81%**, **6** percentage points higher than at the same period a year before.
- 2.4 The performance level for dealing with householder applications, at **95%** within eight weeks, was **13** percentage points better than in the previous quarter.
- 2.5 We received **519** applications, **7** fewer than in the previous quarter.
- 2.6 The number of decisions made was **549**, which was **96** more than during January – March 2005.
- 2.7 Of all the decisions made, **92%** were made under delegated powers; this was the same as in the previous quarter.
- 2.8 During April-June 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%	67%
Minor	65% in 8 weeks	69%	74%
Others	80% in 8 weeks	83%	90%

2.9 Members will note that we comfortably met not only the Government targets but also our own targets for each category of application. It was particularly satisfying 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”.

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:	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Statistical Release – Planning Applications April-June 2005
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Charts

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities Impact

4. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. Our performance levels in dealing with planning applications have implications for a prosperous, vibrant and successful economy (objective) and for improving customer service (priority)