

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE MONITORING 2007/08

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To inform Members of Development Control Performance in 2007/08 against national Best Value Performance Indicators

Recommendation: That the report be noted.

Resource Implications: Performance in terms of speed of determination of planning applications and the percentage of planning appeals allowed are reflected in the annual award of Planning Delivery Grant by Central Government.

1.1 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1 Speed of Determination of Planning Applications – the following results were achieved:-

BVPI 109(a)

Major planning applications dealt with < 13 weeks	70%
Target is 60%	(14 out of 20)

BVPI 109(b)

Minor planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks	77.59%
Target is 65%	(135 out of 174)

BVPI 109(c)

Other planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks	92%
Target is 80%	(359 out of 389)

1.1.1 It can be seen that all three national targets were exceeded last year. Credit for this commendable achievement is largely due to the excellent team effort from all professional, technical and administrative support staff involved in the complex development control process. Timely determination of applications referred to the Planning Panel is also a significant factor, bearing in mind that approximately 30% of all applications are referred to Members for determination under the Council's present scheme of delegation to officers as opposed to the nationally advocated target of 10%.

- 1.2 Percentage of Planning Appeals Allowed – 28.57% of planning appeals determined during 2007/08 were allowed (4 out of 14) which slightly exceeds the target figure of 25%.
- 1.3 It is anticipated that the above performance outturns should result in a greater PDG award for development control this year than the £34,401 awarded in 2007/08.

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Background Papers: Supporting documentation is available for inspection in the Development Control office