

## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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<b>To inform Members of Development Control Performance for the first half of 2009/10 (1 April – 30 September) against Best Value Performance Indicators</b>
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**Recommendation:** That the report be noted.

**Resource Implications:** Nil

### 1.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

	<b>2nd Quarter (July-Sept)</b>	<b>Cumulative (April-Sept)</b>
<b>PI 157 (a)</b>		
Major planning applications dealt with < 13 weeks Target is 60% Top quartile is 81.64%	81.82% (9 out of 11)*	88.24% (15 out of 17)
<b>PI 157 (b)</b>		
Minor planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks Target is 65% Top quartile is 84.04%	95.12% (39 out of 41)	95.29% (81 out of 85)
<b>PI 157 (c)</b>		
Other planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks Target is 80% Top quartile is 92.12%	100% (85 out of 85)	100% (177 out of 177)

\* comprises 1 “largescale” major and 10 “smallscale” majors

1.1.1 It can be seen that top quartile performance has again been achieved in respect of all three categories of planning applications, making Copeland one of the best performing authorities in the country.

1.1.2 The total number of decisions in the first half of this year (279) is below the comparable period in 2008/09 (321) but this is not surprising in the current economic climate.

## **1.2 Percentage of Planning Appeals Allowed**

The only appeal decision received this quarter related to a retrospective application for a summerhouse at Hilltop Road, Kells, Whitehaven which was dismissed, maintaining the BVPI return of 0% for the first half of 2009/10, following the dismissal of two appeals in the first quarter.

1.3 In summary, the current top quartile status for the determination of all three categories of planning applications is in line with Service Plan objectives. Members and Officers alike are to be commended in achieving these outcomes which are greatly assisted by the current rates of 88% delegated decisions under the recently revised procedures.

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