

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Lead Officer: Tony Pomfret – Development Control Manager

To inform Members of Development Control Performance in 2009/10 against Best Value Performance Indicators
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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:-

1st Quarter (April-June)

PI 157 (a)

Major planning applications dealt with < 13 weeks	100%
Target is 60%	(6 out of 6)*
Top quartile is 81.64%	

PI 157 (b)

Minor planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks	95.45%
Target is 65%	(42 out of 44)
Top quartile is 84.04%	

PI 157 (c)

Other planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks	100%
Target is 80%	(92 out of 92)
Top quartile is 92.12%	

* comprises 1 “largescale” major and 5 “smallscale” majors

- 1.1.1 It can be seen that 100% performance has been achieved in respect of “major” and “other” planning applications with over 95% in respect of “minor” applications, placing Copeland high up in the top quartile of all local planning authorities.
- 1.1.2 The total number of decisions this quarter (142) compares favourably with the third and fourth quarters for 2008/09 (115 and 81 respectively) but is, not surprisingly given the current financial climate, below the figure for the comparable quarter last year (178).

1.2 Percentage of Planning Appeals Allowed

The two appeal decisions received this quarter related to proposed residential development at Haile and Sandwith. Both appeals were dismissed, giving a perfect BVPI return of 0%.

- 1.3 In summary, the current top quartile status for the determination of all categories of planning applications is in line with Service Plan objectives. Members and Officers alike are to be commended in achieving these outcomes. Speed of determination, however, must not be at the expense of quality and, hopefully, the recent Quality Review day clearly demonstrated that this is not the case.

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