

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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To inform Members of Development Control Performance April-December 2009 against Best Value Performance Indicators

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:-

	3rd Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Cumulative (April-Dec)
PI 157 (a)		
Major planning applications dealt with < 13 weeks Target is 60% Top quartile is 81.64%	100% (1 out of 1)	88.89% (16 out of 18)
PI 157 (b)		
Minor planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks Target is 65% Top quartile is 84.04%	92.10% (35 out of 38)	94.31% (116 out of 123)
PI 157 (c)		
Other planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks Target is 80% Top quartile is 92.12%	92.18% (59 out of 64)	97.93% (236 out of 241)

PI 204

% of appeals allowed
Target is 25%

0%
(3 appeals -
All dismissed)

0%
(6 appeals -
All dismissed)

- 1.1.1 It can be seen that top quartile performance has again been achieved in respect of all three categories of planning applications, keeping Copeland as one of the best performing authorities in the country.
- 1.1.2 The total number of decisions during the 9 months period (382) is below the comparable period in 2008/09 (436) but this is not surprising in the current economic climate.

1.2 Percentage of Planning Appeals Allowed

All three appeal decisions received this quarter were dismissed bringing the total to 6 for the year with none allowed. The BVPI return of 0% has therefore been maintained.

- 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 recently revised delegation procedures.

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