DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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To inform Members of Development Control performance 2009/10 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:

	4th Quarter (Jan-March)	Cumulative (April-March)
PI 157 (a) Major planning applications dealt with <13 weeks Target is 60% Top quartile is 81.64%	100% (2 out of 2)	90% (18 out of 20)
PI 157 (b) Minor planning applications dealt with < 8 weeks Target is 65% Top quartile is 84.04%	96.97% (32 out of 33)	94.87% (148 out of 156)
PI 157 (c) Other planning applications dealt with <8 weeks Target is 80% Top quartile is 92.12%	96.83% (61 out of 63)	97.70% (297 out of 304)
PI 204 % of planning appeals allowed Target is 25%	No appeal decisions this quarter	0% 6 appeals – all dismissed

1.1.1 It can be seen that top quartile performance has again been achieved against 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 (480) is below the number in 2008/09 (517) but this is not surprising in the current economic climate. It is interesting to note that the number of major planning applications determined increased from 19 in 2008/09 to 20 in 2009/10.

1.2 Percentage of Planning Appeals Allowed

1.2.1 All six planning appeals determined in 2009/10 were dismissed.

1.3 In summary, the 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.**