
Meeting: Development Management Committee

Date: 4th June 2014

Subject: Development Management Performance Statistics

Report of: Interim Assistant Director of Planning

Summary: The report provides a bi-annual update of Development Management Performance

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Pubic/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

This is an information report for noting Development Control Performance Statistics

Financial:

1. None

Legal:

2. None.

Risk Management:

3. None

Staffing (including Trades Unions):
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4. Not Applicable.

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. None

Public Health:

6. None

Community Safety:

7. Not Applicable.

Sustainability:

8. Not Applicable.

Procurement:

9. Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Committee is asked to:

1. To receive a six monthly update of Development Control Performance Statistics at Appendix B

Background

- 10 There has been improved performance in the number of applications determined within target time in all three statutory class categories compared with the same Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun) & Quarter 2 (Jul-Sep) periods in 2012. Major applications have increased from 34% to 60%; Minor applications from 71% to 78% and Other applications from 92% to 93%.

There continues to be been improved performance in the number of applications determined within target time in all three statutory class categories compared with the same Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec) & Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar) periods in 2012/13. Major applications have increased from 41% to 62%; Minor applications from 80% to 88% and Other applications from 92% to 95%.

Overall Performance in the number of applications determined has improved in all three statutory classes when making comparison between 2012/13 and 2013/14. Major applications have increased from 38% to 61%; Minor applications from 75% to 83% and Other applications from 92% to 94%.

11. The introduction of Agreements to Extension of Time for applications.

For most, it is expected that applications can be dealt with within the 8, 13 or 16 week statutory period, but for some applications a bespoke timetable is appropriate. This is accepted by government and the provisions of the Growth

and Infrastructure Act that brings in the power to designate poor performing authorities, also recognises that where council and applicants agree, the timetable for dealing with major development applications can be extended beyond 13 or 16 weeks so long as the council and the applicant agree. Provided the council is then able to meet the new agreed date, an application will be counted as satisfying the timeliness requirement for major development applications.

There are strong economic development arguments that positive planning – effective development management - requires councils to have systems that can deliver all of good quality developments with proper consideration of all the relevant material considerations within a timetable for delivering a decision on a planning application.

- 12** Introduction of new Permitted Development rights for Larger home extensions and Prior Approval for Changes of Uses came into force on 30 May 2013.

60 Permitted Development and 46 Prior approval applications registered 30 May to 31 March 2014.

- 13** Planning Performance Agreements and Pre-application advice;

6 new Planning Performance Agreements received in Quarters 3 & 4 of 2013/14.
12 new Planning Performance Agreements received in Year 2013/14.

Charging for householders' pre-application advice commenced in April 2013 – 67 advice requests validated in Quarters 1 & 2 of 2013/14 and 74 requests validated in Quarter 3 & 4.

- 14** There has been an increase in the numbers of applications received in Quarter 3 & 4 compared with 2012/13. 2,179 received in 2012/13 and 2,260 received in 2013/14.

Appendices:

Appendix B – Development Control Performance
