
Meeting: Development Management Committee

Date: 14th January 2015

Subject: Development Management Performance Statistics

Report of: Development Infrastructure Group Manager

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

Advising Officer: Director of Regeneration & Business

Contact Officer: Andrew Davie
Development Infrastructure Group Manager
(Tel: 0300 300 8307)

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):

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 A.**

Background

10. There has been a 6.9% increase in the number of applications received from April 2014 to September 2014 compared with same period last year.

11. In April 2014 the Department of Communities & Local Government issued new guidance relating to the collection of performance information. The statistics are used by Central Government to monitor planning policies and performance. The main changes to the PS2 statutory return which monitors applications and the time periods in which they are determined are;

Large Scale Major and Small Scale Major applications are now amalgamated into one Major applications category.

Lawful Development Certificates and Notifications i.e. Electricity Board are no longer recorded within the Other category.

Performance against Planning Performance Agreements and Extension of Time Agreements are now recorded against the Minor and Other categories in addition to Major application categories.

12. The volumes of some decisions are now recorded on the PS1 Return

Prior approval and Permitted Development Rights, Notifications, Certificates of lawful development, Certificates of appropriate alternative development and Certificates of lawfulness of proposed works to listed buildings.

- 13.** There has been a decline in the percentage of major applications determined within 13 week target time from 60% in April to September 13 to 50% in April to September 2014. Taking into account the way the Government has changed the way they collect data 14 of the applications had Planning Performance Agreements or Extension of Time agreements and of those 8 were determined within the agreed timeframe. Therefore 80% of Major applications were determined within the agreed time between April and September 2014.

There has been improved performance in the minor application category from 78% in April to September 13 to 79% in April 2014.

The other application category has seen performance maintained at 93% when comparing April to September 2013 with April to September 2014.

- 14.** Planning Performance Agreements and Pre-application advice;

9 new Planning Performance Agreements received between April 2014 and September 2014.

There were 12 Planning Performance Agreements received in Year 2013/14.

Charging for householders' pre-application advice commenced in April 2013 – 141 advice requests validated in 2013/14 and 76 requests validated from April 2014 to September 2014.

- 15.** Permitted Development rights for Larger home extensions and Prior Approval for Changes of Uses came into force on 30 May 2013. The current legislation is temporary and there is a requirement for the development to be completed on or before the 30 May 2016.

The Council has received an increase in volume of these types of applications.

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

57 Permitted Development and 31 Prior approval applications registered 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014.

- 16.** The latest published data from April to June 2014 indicates that CBC are 12% below England average for the determination of Major applications but 5% above for Minor applications and 11% above for Other applications.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Development Control Performance
