

## **DELEGATED**

**AGENDA No.**

**REPORT TO PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

**DATE 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF  
PLANNING**

## **PLANNING PERFORMANCE**

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the current performance of the planning department for the first quarter of 2011/2012.

### **Recommendation**

That planning committee note this quarterly report.

### **Background**

1. DCLG have now published a draft version of the Single Data List (SDL), which is intended to replace the previous performance management systems – National Indicators, etc. The SDL is a basic catalogue of all the data collections (existing and proposed) that central government departments require from local authorities. There are 152 separate data collection topics within this Single Data List, with 64 of these relating directly to Development and Neighbourhood Services. The large majority of these data collections are already undertaken within services, with only a small number of new data collections proposed.
2. Within the SDL, the data collections that will be required from Planning remain much the same as we report already, and revolve around the performance of managing planning applications, enforcement, green belt land data, previously developed land data and the Annual Monitoring Report for the LDF. There will be 5 data collections and then 41 data topics within the 5 broad collection areas.
3. It is therefore proposed to continue reporting performance to committee in 2011/12 along the lines that we have done already, although what actual performance targets we will have to achieve within the performance of planning applications is still as yet unknown. It is the intention therefore to set the same performance levels as there were for 2010-2011 in the current year, which was 75% for majors, 80% for minors and 88% for other applications.
4. The reporting timeframe runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April-31<sup>st</sup> March each year. This report presents the performance of the first quarter in that period, 1<sup>st</sup> April -30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

**Current performance position and service update**

5. Performance results achieved for the first period are 80% for major applications, 91.49% for minor and 94.03% for others, achieving above performance in all 3 categories. Table 1 and the chart highlight performance over this quarter.

Table 1 First quarter and annual results

	Q1 April/June 2011		
	Determined	Within Period	Percent
Major	15	12	80.00%
Minor	47	43	91.49%
Other	201	189	94.03%

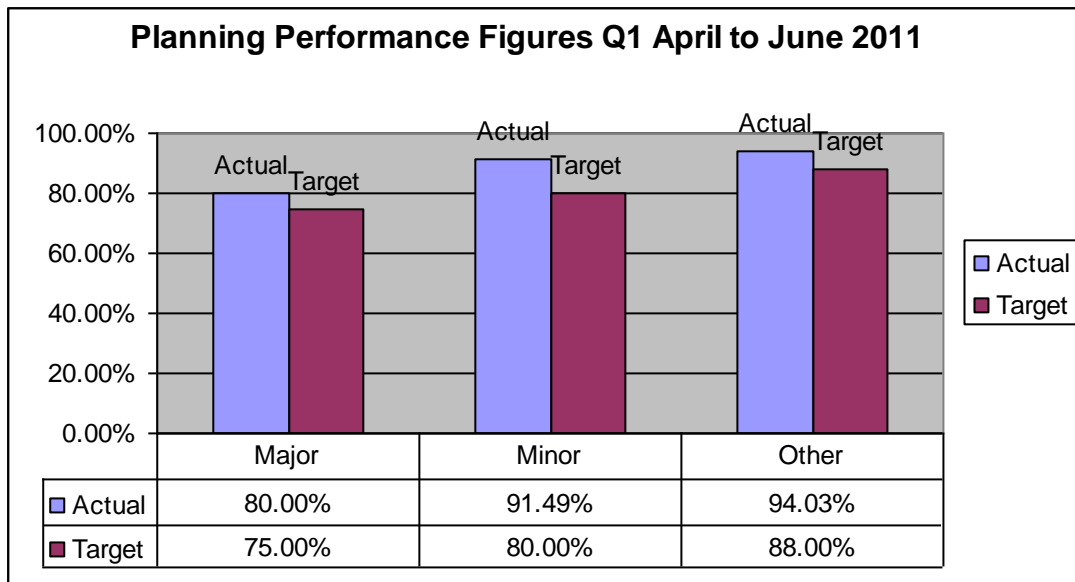


Chart of planning performance for the first quarter of 2011/12

12 out of 15 major applications were determined within the 13 week target. The 3 planning applications outside the target were:-  
 10/0258/EIS - Former ICI Anhydrite Mine, Grow How Facility, Haverton Hill Road  
 Conversion of part of former ICI anhydrite mine to a 4 million cubic metres waste storage facility. Material deposited will comprise Air Pollution Control Residues (fly ash), a hazardous waste (as defined) within the Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005, together with above ground site office, laboratory, staff car park, an enclosed bulk APCR material handling and treatment facility and enclosed area containing 2 mine shaft entrances and winding gear was delayed due to protracted discussions between the applicants and the Environment Agency,  
 10/2549/EIS - Land West of Stillington - Erection of 4 No. wind turbines (max height 125m) and associated infrastructure to include anemometer masts, access roads, crane pads, control building, substation and temporary construction compound was subject to a pre planning agreement but was delayed until officers considered that all outstanding matters had been addressed and a recommendation could be made.

10/0113/FUL - Blair Avenue - Development of 48 no. retirement apartments with associated communal facilities was delayed was also delayed until officers considered all outstanding matters had been addressed and a recommendation could be made.

### **Recommendation**

6. That planning committee note this performance report and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Planning Staff and colleagues within other service areas to continuously improve performance and the reputation of the Council against the background of the current difficult economic circumstances.

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**Financial Implications; decrease in income has budgetary implications for service delivery; changes to the Planning system will place additional budgetary pressures on the service in the future**

**Environmental Implications; None directly.**

**Community Safety Implications; None directly.**