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AGENDA No.

**REPORT TO PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

DATE 30th May 2012

**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 final 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, as CLG have indicated that they wish this particular reporting criteria to remain. The performance level for this year therefore remains at the same level as that set for 2010/11, which is 75% for majors, 80% for minors and 88% for other applications.
4. The reporting timeframe runs from 1st April-31st March each year. This report presents the performance of the final quarter in that period, 1st January to 31st March 2012.

Current performance position

5. Performance results achieved for the final period are 88.89% for major applications, 96% for minor and 97.22% for others, achieving above performance in all categories. This results in an annual performance figure of 84.44% for majors, 89.88% for minors and 94.38% for others.

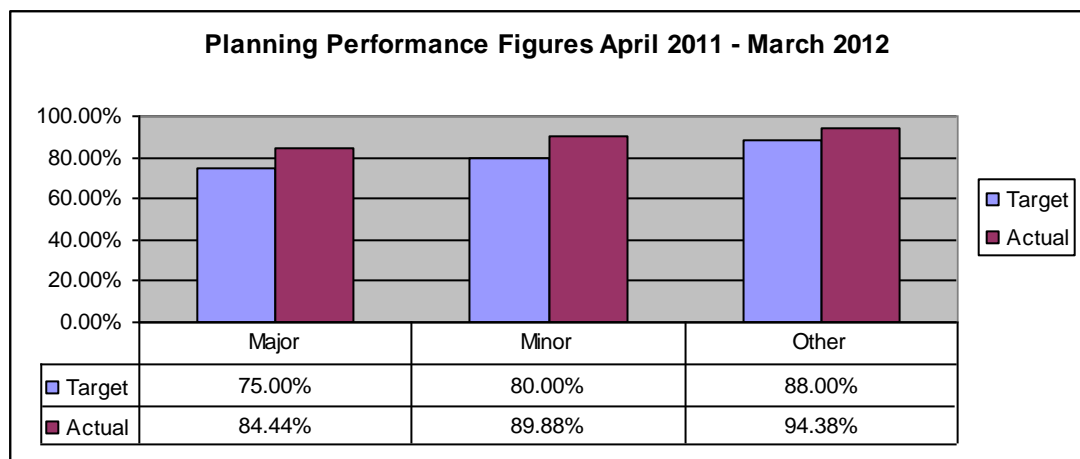
Table 1-Final quarter results

Determined	Jan/Mar Within Period	Percent
9	8	88.89%
75	72	96.00%
144	140	97.22%

Table 2-Annual results

Determined	April/March Within Period	Percent
45	38	84.44%
257	231	89.88%
747	705	94.38%

Chart 1-Cumulative performance 2011/12



6. 8 out of 9 major applications were determined within the 13 week target. The application which went over the target was application number 11/2648 the former Prosser site - Erection of 19 affordable residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated infrastructure which was due to the need to undertake an open book assessment of the schemes ability to make the Section 106 contributions.

Recommendation

7. 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, staff restructure and the office move from Gloucester House to Municipal Buildings.

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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.