

## **DELEGATED**

**AGENDA No.**

**REPORT TO PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

**DATE 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

**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 third quarter of 2012/2013.

#### **Recommendation**

That planning committee note this quarterly report.

#### **Background**

1. DCLG 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 2012/13 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 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 third quarter in that period, 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.

**Current performance position**

5. Performance results achieved for the third quarter are 94.12% for major applications, 91.38% for minor and 96.25% for others, achieving above performance in all categories.

Table 1-Third quarter results

**Q3 October - December**

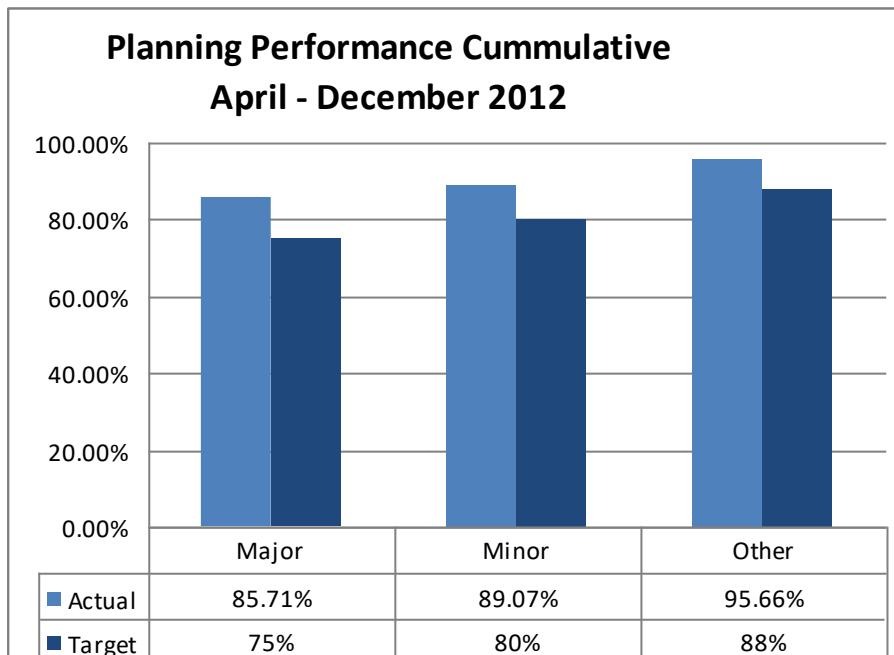
Category	Determined	Within Target	Percent	Target
Major	17	16	94.12%	75%
Minor	58	53	91.38%	80%
Other	160	154	96.25%	88%

Table 2-Cumulative results to date

**Cumulative April - December**

Category	Determined	Within Target	Percent	Target
Major	49	42	85.71%	75%
Minor	183	163	89.07%	80%
Other	553	529	95.66%	88%

Chart 1-Cumulative performance 2012/13



6. 16 out of 17 major applications were determined within the 13 week target. The one major application which went over the target (12/0980/OUT) was an application for outline planning consent, with all matters reserved save for means of access, for residential development, community hall, public open

space, outdoor recreational facilities and associated access arrangements and landscaping at Morley Carr Farm site in Yarm.

**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 determine applications within the target periods and improve performance and the reputation of the Council.

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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; unknown variable if the authority fails to meet Planning Guarantee targets**

**Environmental Implications; None directly.**

**Community Safety Implications; None directly.**