

DELEGATED

AGENDA No.

**REPORT TO PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

DATE 29th MAY 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 final 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 1st April-31st March each year. This report presents the performance of the final quarter in that period, 1st January to 31st March 2013.

Current performance position

5. Performance results achieved for the fourth quarter are 93.75% for major applications, 84.31% for minor and 95.45% for others, achieving above performance in all categories. The annual performance, which will be reported to DCLG, is 87.69% for majors, 88.03% for minors and 95.62% for others.

Table 1-Final quarter results

Q4 Jan - March 2013

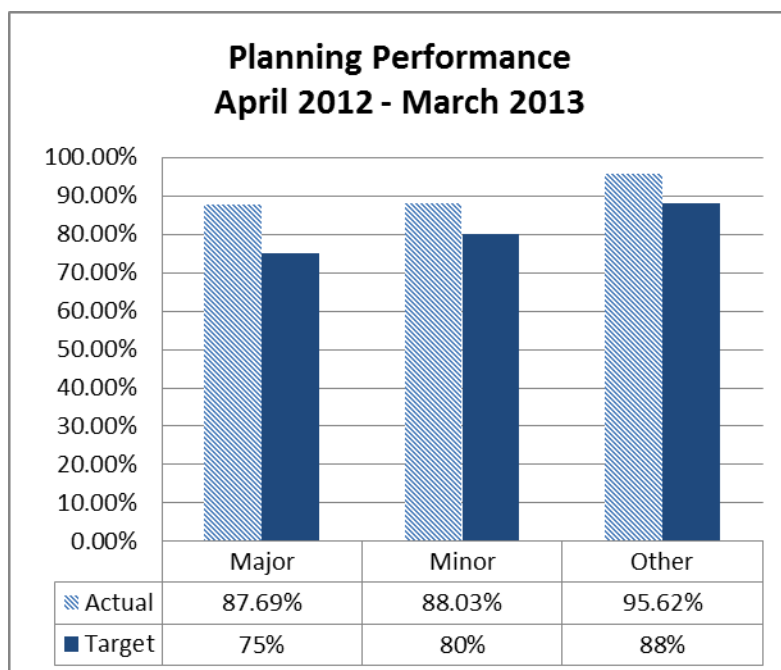
Category	Determined	Within Target	Percent	Target
Major	16	15	93.75%	75%
Minor	51	43	84.31%	80%
Other	132	126	95.45%	88%

Table 2-Cumulative results to date

Cumulative April 2012 - March 2013

Category	Determined	Within Target	Percent	Target
Major	65	57	87.69%	75%
Minor	234	206	88.03%	80%
Other	685	655	95.62%	88%

Chart 1-Cumulative performance 2012/13



6. 15 out of 16 major applications were determined within the 13 week target. The one major application which went over the target (12/2517/OUT) was for land at Low Lane, High Leven on the outskirts of Ingleby Barwick and was the application for outline planning consent for the erection of Ingleby Manor Free School and Sixth Form and residential development (350 dwellings) including means of access. This application was refused by committee on 5th February 2013 and is currently the subject of a Public Inquiry starting on 14th May as the application was called in for determination by the Secretary of State.

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.