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AGENDA No.

**REPORT TO PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

DATE 5th FEBRUARY 2014

**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 2013/2014.

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 2013/14 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 third quarter in that period, 1st October to 31st December 2013.

Current performance position

5. Performance results achieved for the third quarter are 92.31% for major applications, 90% for minor and 96.30% for others, achieving above performance in all categories.

Table 1-Third quarter results

Q3 October – December 13

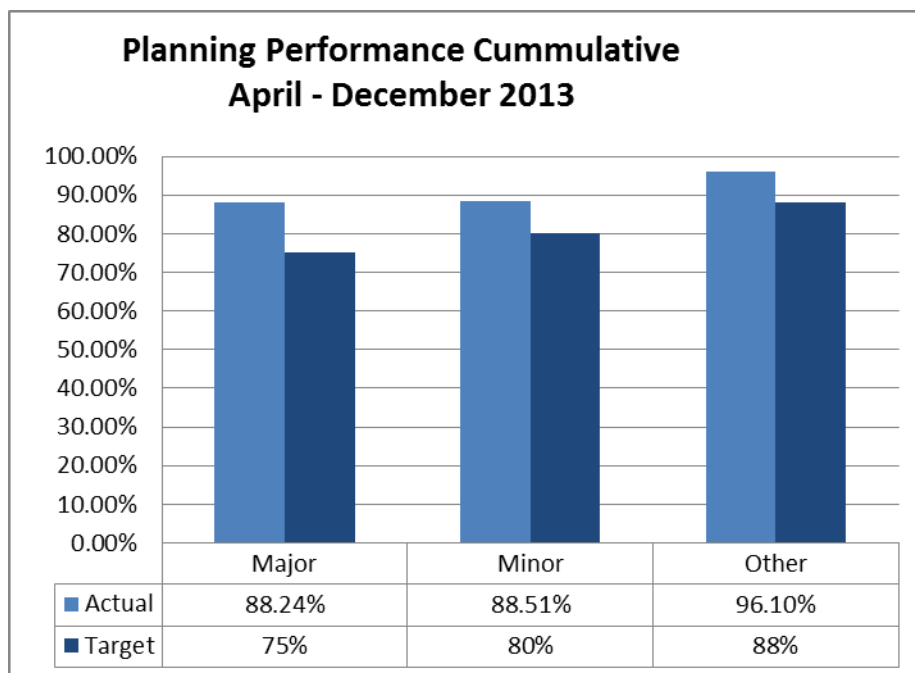
Category	Determined	Within Target	Percent	Target
Major	13	12	92.31%	75%
Minor	40	36	90.00%	80%
Other	162	156	96.30%	88%

Table 2-Cumulative results April-Dec 2013

Cumulative April – December 13

Category	Determined	Within Target	Percent	Target
Major	51	45	88.24%	75%
Minor	148	131	88.51%	80%
Other	538	517	96.10%	88%

Chart 1-Cumulative performance April –Dec 2013



6. There were 13 major applications determined within this quarter, 12 of which were determined in time. The application that was not determined within the 13 week period was for Corus - Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 07/2680/REM to provide additional and amended drawings to allow the alteration to elevation treatments, handing of and loss of room in the roof to certain plots within the development (12/0954/VARY).

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 through the increase of PD and prior notifications 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.