

DELEGATED

AGENDA Item No.

**REPORT TO PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

DATE 30th JULY 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 first quarter of 2014/2015.

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 2014/15 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, 88% for other applications and 75% for County matters.
4. The reporting timeframe runs from 1st April-31st March each year. This report presents the performance of the first quarter in that period, 1st April to 30th June 2014.

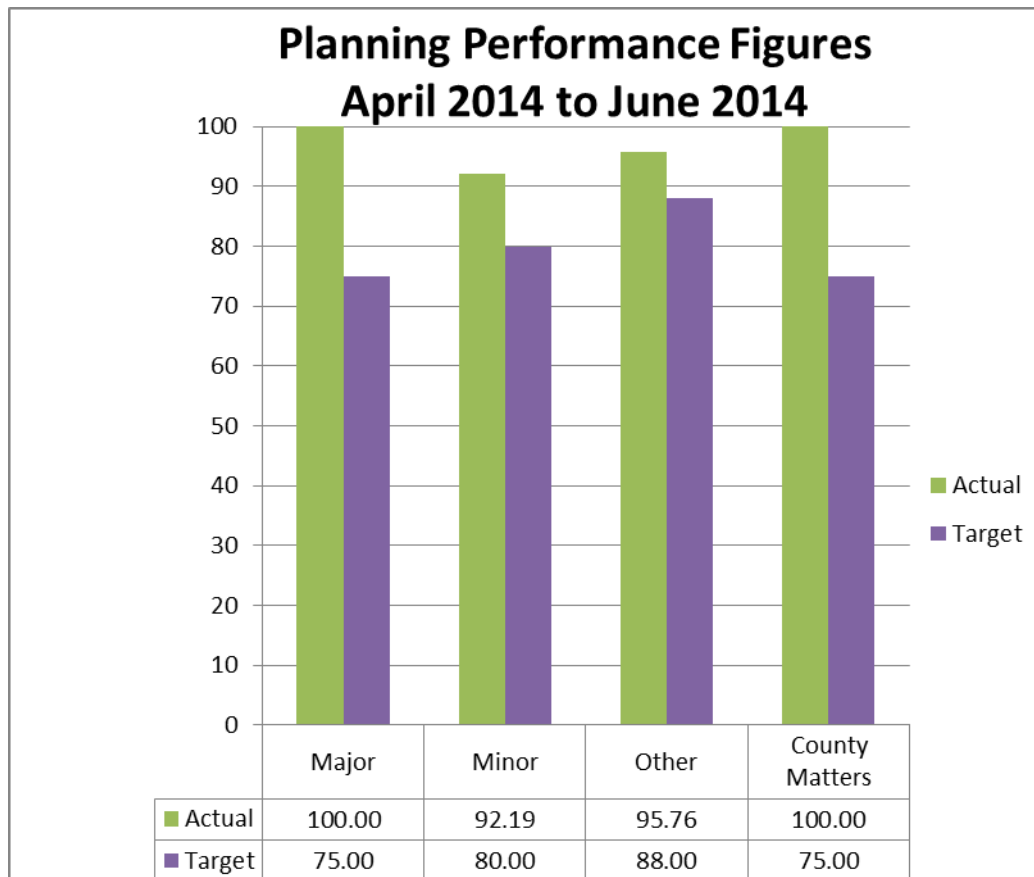
Current performance position

5. Performance results achieved for the final quarter are 100% for major applications, 92.19% for minor, 95.76% for others and 100% for County matters, achieving above performance in all categories.

Table 1-First quarter results

Category	Quarter 1		Actual	Target
	Determined	Within Target		
Major	11	11	100.00	75.00
Minor	64	59	92.19	80.00
Other	165	158	95.76	88.00
County Matters	1	1	100.00	75.00

Chart 1-Performance April 2013–June 2014



6. There were 12 major applications determined within this quarter, including the County matters, all of which were determined in time.

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.

Corporate Director, Development & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer: Carol Straughan
Tel: 01642 527027
carol.straughan@stockton.gov.uk

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.