

## **DELEGATED**

**AGENDA No.**

**REPORT TO PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

**DATE 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 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 second 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 1<sup>st</sup> April-31<sup>st</sup> March each year. This report presents the performance of the second quarter in that period, 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

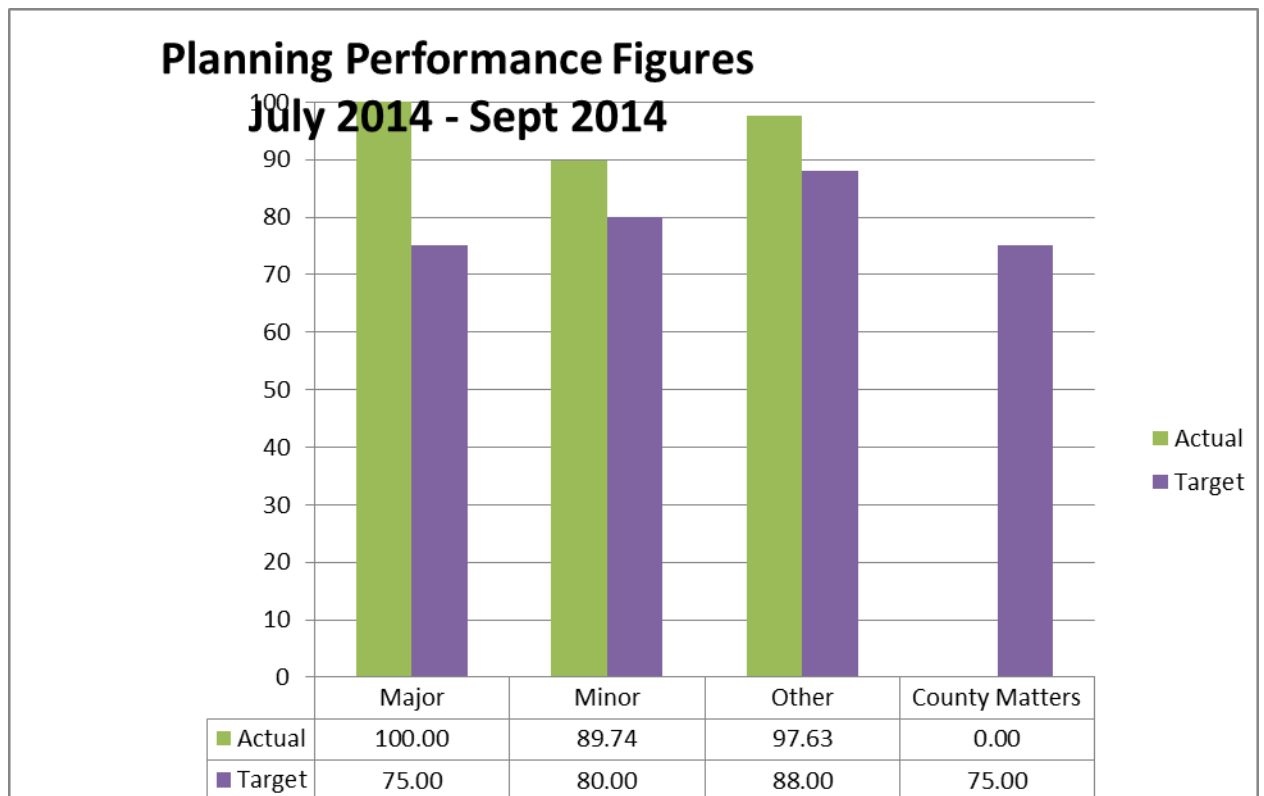
**Current performance position**

- Performance results achieved for the second quarter are 100% for major applications, 89.74% for minor, 97.63% for others and there were no County matters applications dealt with in that time frame achieving above performance in all categories.

Table 1-Second quarter results

Category	Determined	Quarter 2		Actual	Target
		Within Target			
Major	13	13		100.00	75.00
Minor	78	70		89.74	80.00
Other	169	165		97.63	88.00
County Matters	0	0			75.00

Chart 1-Performance July–Sept 2014



- There were 13 major applications determined within this quarter, 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.

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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.**