

## **DELEGATED**

**AGENDA No.**

**REPORT TO PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

**DATE 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 third quarter in that period, 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

### Current performance position

5. Performance results achieved for the third quarter are 100% for major applications, 94.83% for minor, 97.16% for others and there were no County matters applications dealt with in that time frame achieving above performance in all categories, as shown in table 1. The results for the year to date are 100%, 92%, 97.05% and 100% respectively as shown in table 2 and chart 1.

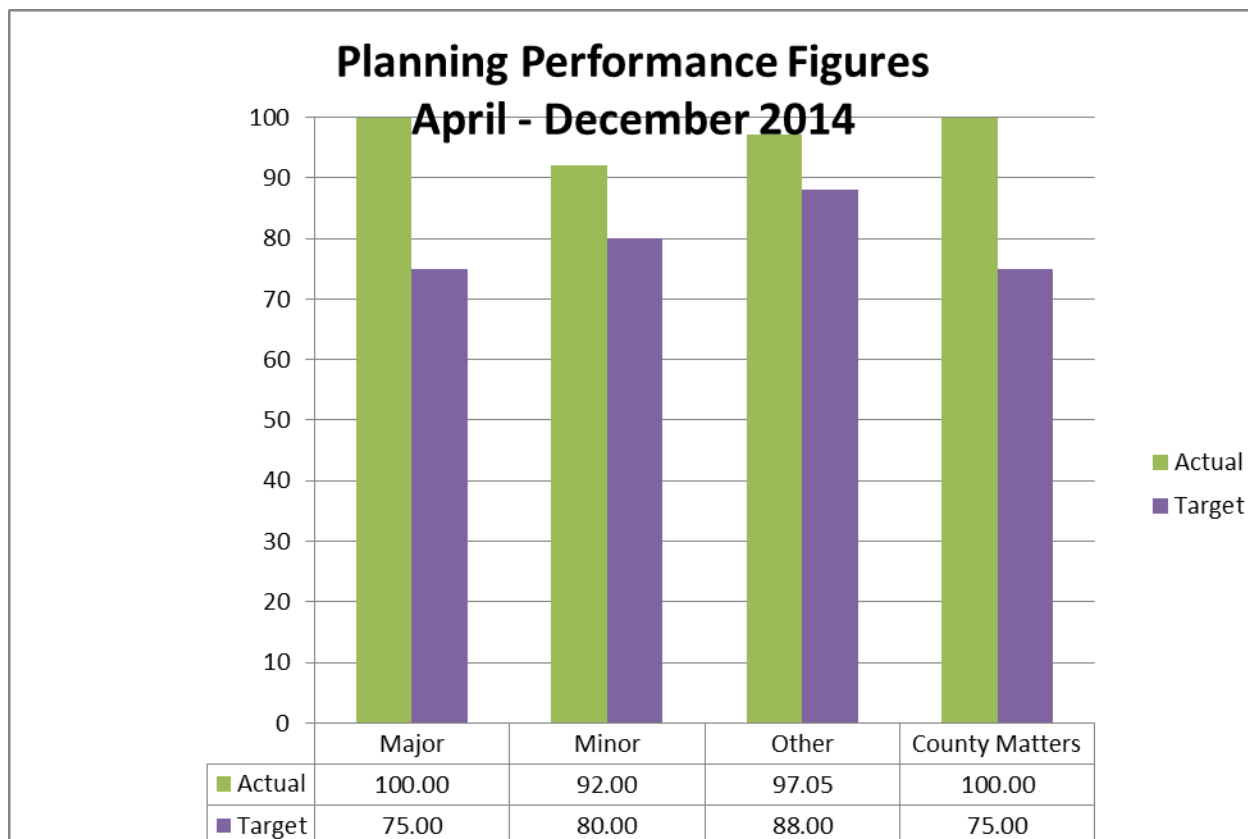
Table 1-Third quarter results

Category	Quarter 3 Oct - Dec 2014			Target
	Determined	Within Target	Actual	
Major	15	15	100.00	75.00
Minor	58	55	94.83	80.00
Other	141	137	97.16	88.00
County Matters	0	0	#DIV/0!	75.00

Table 2-Cumulative results to date 2013-14

Category	Cumulative April 2014 - Sept 2014			Target
	Determined	Within Target	Actual	
Major	39	39	100.00	75.00
Minor	200	184	92.00	80.00
Other	475	461	97.05	88.00
County Matters	1	1	100.00	75.00

Chart 1-Performance April-Dec 2014



### **Recommendation**

6. 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.**