

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE UPDATE
(July 2016 to September 2016)**

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform the Planning Committee of the recent performance of the development management service.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the report is noted.

3.0 Development Management Performance

Determination of applications within agreed timescales

3.1 It is vital that the Planning System is proportionate, efficient and responsive to the needs of all users to avoid time consuming, costly and unpredictable delays to the detriment of the economy and wider society.

3.3 The Council seeks to determine planning applications in line with nationally set targets; 60% of Major applications within 13 weeks (16 weeks for EIA development), 65% of Minor applications within 8 weeks and 80% of Other applications within 8 weeks. Where the Council agrees an extension of time to the determination of an application with the applicant, provided the application is then determined within the agreed timescale, this is recorded as having been determined within the requisite period. Extensions of time facilitate a greater scope for negotiation on an application to enable it to be amended satisfactorily and to grant permission rather than a refusal within the 8 or 13 week national target.

3.4 Within the both the CDC plan area and the SDNP the targets were exceeded in all categories.

		<u>CDC</u>	<u>SDNP</u>
Majors	Total no of apps	15	6
	No of apps where extension of time agreed	5	3
	Percentage within agreed timescale	100%	100%
Minors	Total no of apps	97	36
	No of apps where extension of time agreed	36	13
	Percentage within agreed timescale	71%	89%
Others	Total no of apps	242	157
	No of apps where extension of time agreed	46	73
	Percentage within agreed timescale	86%	93%

*Table 1: Determined applications
– July 2016 to Sept 2016*

Appeals

3.5 Whilst the figures provided above outline the Development Management performance with regard to speed of decisions, the Council's performance at appeal is a nationally recognised measure of the quality of decision making. The government has set a performance indicator that no more than 30% of those decisions that are appealed should be allowed.

3.6 Within the period July to September 2016, within the CDC plan area, 13% of appeals were allowed, a significant reduction in that recorded in the first quarter of the financial year. Cumulative performance for the year to September is now 32.5%. In the CDC area of the SDNP, 40% of appeals were allowed which is below target however; cumulative performance for the year to September is now 30.76%.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 In relation to time taken to make decisions, The Development Management Service continues to perform well as a whole, performance targets in relation to the speed of decision making are significantly exceeded. The quality of decision making is also good, within 2.5% of target in CDC and within 0.76% of target in the CDC area of the SDNP.

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