

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

26 APRIL, 2011

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	DEVELOPMENT CONTROL QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	ALL
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	COUNCILLOR ANDREW HODSON
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	NO

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 As part of the move towards better performance management Members have received quarterly reports on speed of decision in Development Control since 2007. This report sets Development Control Performance under NI 157 for the second quarter of 2010/2011. This period covers 1 January, 2011 to 31 March, 2011. This report covers the performance for all applications, i.e. Majors, Others and Minors. The report also summarises overall performance for 2010/11.

### 2. Development Control NI 157 Performance

- 2.1 The determination of planning applications in Development Control remains a key performance indicator for the Authority. From April 2010, the Development Control Division revised its internal targets for determining applications to achieve 60% of all Major applications determined within 13 weeks, 81% of all Minor applications within 8 weeks and 87% of all Other applications within 8 weeks.
- 2.2 For information, the definition of what constitutes major, minor and other applications is set as follows, for information:

#### MAJORS

- 10 or more dwellings, or the site area for residential development is 0.5 hectares or more
- 1000 sqm or more, or the site is 1 hectare or more

#### MINORS

- less than 10 dwellings, or the site area for residential development is less than 0.5 hectares
- less than 1000 sqm, or the site is less than 1 hectare

## OTHERS

- Changes of use, householder development (development within the curtilage of a residential property), adverts, listed building consents, conservation area consents, lawful development certificates, agricultural notifications, telecommunications, etc.

2.3 The Development Control Manager receives weekly performance figures around NI 157 in order to reinforce the performance culture and to continue to raise the performance standard.

2.4 NI 157 performance figures for the fourth and final quarter of 2010/11 are set out in the table below:

<b>Month</b>	<b>NI 157a (Majors)</b> Local Target <b>60%</b> within 13 weeks	<b>NI 157b (Minors)</b> Local Target <b>81%</b> within 8 weeks	<b>NI 157c (Others)</b> Local Target <b>87%</b> within 8 weeks
<b>Jan 11</b>	87.50%	87.50%	95.45%
<b>Feb 11</b>	-	88.00%	87.30%
<b>Mar 11</b>	0%	86.36%	94.12%
<b>Q4 Performance Jan – Mar 11</b>	<b>77.78%</b>	<b>87.32%</b>	<b>92.39%</b>

2.5 It is perhaps worth noting the way in which the figures in the table above have been arrived at, particularly having regards to the figures set out for the quarterly performance as a whole. The performance figure for the quarter is not taken as an average percentage of the three months that make up the quarter but is based on an accurate figure arrived by dividing the number of applications determined within target by the total number of applications determined and then times by 100 to give the percentage. By way of example, if you took an average for NI 157b (Minors) by dividing the total performance returns for January, February and March by three, you would get a return of 87.28%. However, the exact total number of applications determined in the fourth quarter was 71 whilst 62 were determined within target. Therefore,  $\frac{62}{71} \times 100 = 87.32\%$ .

## 3.0 Conclusions

3.1 Members will note from the above table NI 157 a, b & c returns have performed above target at the end of the fourth and final quarter for 2010/11.

The following table also shows that all three returns performed above target when taken across all quarters of 2010/11.

	<b>NI 157a (Majors)</b> Local Target <b>60%</b> within 13 weeks	<b>NI 157b (Minors)</b> Local Target <b>81%</b> within 8 weeks	<b>NI 157c (Others)</b> Local Target <b>87%</b> within 8 weeks
<b>1 Apr 10 to 31 Mar 11</b>	<b>68.00%</b>	<b>82.99%</b>	<b>90.91%</b>

### **3.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

3.1 The contents of the report are for noting and to inform Members of performance in relation to National Indicator 157 with regards to the determination of planning applications.

### **4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 As part of the move towards better performance management Members have received quarterly reports on speed of decision in Development Control since 2007.

### **5.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

5.1 None identified.

### **6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

6.1 None applicable.

### **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 None applicable

### **8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

8.1 There are no implications relating to voluntary, community and faith groups arising from this report.

### **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

9.1 There are no implications relating to financial, IT, staffing or assets arising from this report.

### **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no Equalities implications arising from this report.

- 11.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)
- (a) Is an EIA required? No
  - (b) If 'yes', has one been completed? N/A

## 12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no Carbon Reduction implications arising from this report.

## 13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no Community Safety implications arising from this report. This report details the performance in relation to the determination of planning applications.

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## APPENDICES

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date