

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

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 July, 2010 to 30 September, 2010. This report covers the performance for all applications, i.e. Majors, Others and Minors.

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 second quarter of 2010/11 are set out in the table below:

Month	NI 157a (Majors) Local Target 60% within 13 weeks	NI 157b (Minors) Local Target 81% within 8 weeks	NI 157c (Others) Local Target 87% within 8 weeks
Jul 10	40%	73.08%	89.69%
Aug 10	100%	84.21%	90.54%
Sep 10	100%	87.50%	90.24%
Q2 Performance Jul – Sep 10	57.14%	82.29%	90.12%

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 Members will note from the above table NI 157 b & c returns are performing above target at the end of the second quarter for 2010/11. Whilst the return for 157 a just misses the target in the second quarter the following table shows that all three returns continue to perform above target when taken across the first two quarters of 2010/11.

	NI 157a (Majors) Local Target 60% within 13 weeks	NI 157b (Minors) Local Target 81% within 8 weeks	NI 157c (Others) Local Target 87% within 8 weeks
1 Apr to 30 Sep 2010	66.67%	82.32%	91.21%

- 3.2 The reason for the dip in performance for NI 157(a) Majors in Quarter 2 is explained by 3 of the 5 majors considered in July by the Planning Committee being deferred for Site Visits. These deferrals resulted in the applications going beyond the 13 week determination target dates.

4.0 Financial and Staffing Implications

4.1 There are no financial or staffing implications arising directly from this report.

5.0 Equal Opportunity and Social Inclusion Implications

5.1 There are no equal opportunity or social inclusion implications arising directly from this report.

6.0 Community Safety and Local Agenda 21 Implications

6.1 There are community safety or local agenda 21 implications arising directly from this report

7.0 Local Member Support Implications

7.1 There are no specific Ward Member implications arising directly from this report.

8.0 Anti-Poverty Implications

8.1 There are no known anti-poverty implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 Recommendation

9.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and Development Control Performance for the second quarter of 2010/11.

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