

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 first quarter of 2010/2011. This period covers 1 April 2010 to 30 June 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 first 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 |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Apr 10 | 66.67% | 87.50% | 93.83% |
| May 10 | - | 83.33% | 92.41% |
| Jun 10 | 100% | 79.41% | 90.24% |
| Q1 Performance Apr – Jun 10 | 80.0% | 82.93% | 92.15% |

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 Members will note from the above table all NI 157 returns are improved and performing above target at the end of the first quarter for 2010/11.

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 first quarter of 2010/11.

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