

REPORT TO: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL  
COMMITTEE

AGENDA  
ITEM:

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DATE OF MEETING: 3 AUGUST 2004

CATEGORY: OPEN

REPORT FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEMBERS'

CONTACT POINT: Tony Sylvester (EXT. 5743)

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS FOR  
THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2003/2004 (January to March 2004)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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## 1.0 Recommendation

1.1 That the report be noted.

## 2.0 Purpose of the Report.

2.1 To advise members of the receipt of statistics regarding the speed of decision making on planning applications made to the Council and to illustrate these against those of other authorities in Derbyshire, neighbouring authorities and authorities in this Council's nearest neighbour comparative group of authorities.

## 3.0 Detail

3.1 Statistics have recently been released by government setting out the speed of decision making of Local Planning Authorities in England for the quarter ending 31 March 2004.

3.2 In the quarter to 31 March 2004 the figures show that nationally 73% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. This shows a rise of 6% on the corresponding quarter in 2003.

3.3.1 South Derbyshire determined 78% of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was the third highest in Derbyshire for the quarter (the highest being Bolsover at 85% followed by Erewash at 79%). The figure also compares well to other authorities in the CIPFA group.

3.4 In the year to 31 March 2004 the figures show that nationally 73% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. South Derbyshire determined 78% of its applications in eight weeks that period. This was better than Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield and Derby City Council. However, the number of decisions made was only exceeded by Derby City and Amber Valley Councils.

3.5 The results for South Derbyshire, other neighbouring authorities and the council's nearest neighbours are shown in the table attached at Table A.

4.0 **Background Papers:** Statistical Release Information Bulletin PA-Q1 ODPM.

Year ending 31 March 2004

January to March 2004

Planning authority	Total decisions	Per cent granted	Per cent within 8 weeks	Total decisions	Per cent granted	Per cent within 8 weeks	Percentage of decisions delegated to officers
Derbyshire							
Amber Valley	1469	92	60	327	87	58	76
Bolsover	720	86	88	165	87	85	98
Chesterfield	756	95	76	193	96	76	78
Erewash	1007	89	79	248	86	79	92
High Peak	1025	83	73	277	86	49	96
North East Derbyshire	1298	89	73	306	89	73	87
<b>South Derbyshire</b>	<b>1444</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>92</b>
Derbyshire Dales	869	87	72	191	81	65	73
Derby UA	2075	92	76	466	92	72	91

**CIPFA Group**

Mid Bedfordshire	1900	83	69	452	82	<b>63</b>	83
Rochford	1031	83	86	226	82	<b>90</b>	94
Forest of Dean	1680	83	80	357	84	<b>81</b>	92
Hinckley and Bosworth	1307	91	79	305	91	<b>76</b>	81
Melton	788	86	72	181	90	<b>65</b>	88
North Kesteven	1606	86	79	338	85	<b>73</b>	82
Daventry	1304	86	80	307	92	<b>82</b>	89
East Northamptonshire	1123	86	68	272	84	<b>72</b>	89
South Northamptonshire	1598	81	61	367	85	<b>74</b>	85
Staffordshire Moorlands	1109	79	81	319	78	<b>93</b>	95
Lichfield	1447	86	81	263	83	<b>82</b>	89
Babergh	1723	85	75	417	86	<b>74</b>	84
North Warwickshire	818	83	83	152	88	<b>78</b>	95

**Adjoining Authorities**

North West Leicestershire	1311	77	74	330	78	<b>75</b>	88
East Staffordshire	1531	90	69	374	91	<b>65</b>	87

Table B

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CHARTER TARGETS (January to March 2004)**

TARGET DESCRIPTION	TARGET	ACTUAL
APPLICATION SITE VISITS WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS	90%	72%
PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT ENQUIRIES ANSWERED WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS	85%	85%
DECISION NOTICES SENT OUT WITHIN 2 DAYS	90%	99%