
**REPORT TO: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA
ITEM:**

DATE OF MEETING: 26 OCTOBER 2004

CATEGORY: OPEN

REPORT FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEMBERS'

CONTACT POINT: Tony Sylvester (EXT. 5743)

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS FOR
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2004/2005 (April to June 2004)**

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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 30 June 2004.

3.2 In the quarter to 30 June 2004 the figures show that nationally 77% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. This shows a rise of 5% on the corresponding quarter in 2003.

3.3 South Derbyshire determined 76% of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was joint fifth in Derbyshire for the quarter (the highest being Erewash at 84% followed by North East Derbyshire at 80%).

3.4 South Derbyshire's Performance during that period was better than High Peak, Derbyshire Dales and Amber Valley but below all others in Derbyshire. 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-Q2 ODPM.