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**REPORT TO:** DEVELOPMENT CONTROL  
COMMITTEE

**AGENDA  
ITEM:**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** 4 October 2005

**CATEGORY:** OPEN

**REPORT FROM:** DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**MEMBERS'**

**CONTACT POINT:** Tony Sylvester (EXT. 5743)

**SUBJECT:** DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS  
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2004/2005  
(January to March 2005)

**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.
- 2.2 To advise members of the performance of the service against operational targets set out in the Development Control Charter (Table B).

### **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 2005.
- 3.2 South Derbyshire determined 80% of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was joint third in Derbyshire for the quarter along with Bolsover (the highest being North East Derbyshire and Erewash both at 89%). In this and the preceding quarter, South Derbyshire exceeded government targets for all three application types for speed of decision making.
- 3.3 South Derbyshire's Performance during that period was better than Amber Valley, Chesterfield, High Peak, Derbyshire Dales and Derby City. The number of decisions made was only exceeded by Derby City, Erewash and Amber Valley.
- 3.4 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-Q4 ODPM.