
REPORT TO:	DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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REPORT FROM:	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2003/04 (JULY TO SEPTEMBER)	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: DC01

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 September 2003.

3.2 In the quarter to 30 September 2003 the figures show that nationally 73% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. This shows a rise of 8% on the corresponding quarter in 2002.

3.3 South Derbyshire determined 79% of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was the fourth highest in Derbyshire for the quarter (the highest being Bolsover at 88% followed by High Peak at 83%). The figure also compares well to other authorities in the CIPFA group.

3.4 In the year to 30 September 2003 the figures show that nationally 73% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. South Derbyshire determined 79% of its applications in eight weeks that period. This was better than Amber Valley, Erewash, Derbyshire Dales and Chesterfield but below all others in Derbyshire. However, the number of decisions made was only exceeded by Derby City.

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-Q3 ODPM.

TABLE A

Planning authority	Year ending 30 September 2003			July to September 2003			Percentage of decisions delegated to officers
	Total decisions	Per cent		Total decisions	Per cent		
		Per cent granted	within 8 weeks		Per cent granted	within 8 weeks	
Derbyshire							
Amber Valley	1437	94	54	436	92	58	83
Bolsover	682	86	82	197	85	88	92
Chesterfield	789	95	75	192	96	77	86
Erewash	981	90	73	273	89	74	98
High Peak	976	86	79	261	86	83	93
North East Derbyshire	1249	90	72	373	89	79	83
South Derbyshire	1439	91	77	384	90	79	92
Derbyshire Dales	888	89	70	224	88	75	75
Derby UA	1998	92	67	555	91	81	93
CIPFA Group							
Mid Bedfordshire	1901	84	67	506	83	66	85
Rochford	1098	82	83	311	81	83	95
Forest of Dean	1619	86	80	471	83	80	94
Hinckley and Bosworth	1213	90	78	361	91	79	85
Melton	784	84	74	219	82	72	90
North Kesteven	1625	88	76	421	85	78	76
Daventry	1219	87	74	344	85	78	90
East Northamptonshire	1162	89	58	284	88	67	85
South Northamptonshire	1580	81	55	449	80	47	80
Staffordshire Moorlands	727	80	75	274	78	69	1
Lichfield	1505	86	76	406	89	88	94
Babergh	1759	86	74	429	86	73	80
North Warwickshire	824	83	81	246	80	84	95
Adjoining Authorities							
North West Leicestershire	1215	79	65	305	77	77	89
East Staffordshire	1622	92	73	411	94	74	88

Table B

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CHARTER TARGETS (July to September 2003)

TARGET DESCRIPTION	TARGET	ACTUAL
APPLICATION SITE VISITS WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS	90%	76%
APPLICATIONS DECIDED IN 8 WEEKS	80%	79%
DECISION NOTICES SENT OUT WITHIN 2 DAYS	90%	99%

