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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 December 2003.

3.2 In the quarter to 31 December 2003 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 2002.

3.3 South Derbyshire determined 80% of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was the third highest in Derbyshire for the quarter (the highest being Bolsover at 86% followed by Erewash at 81%). The figure also compares well to other authorities in the CIPFA group.

3.4 In the year to 31 December 2003 the figures show that nationally 73% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. South Derbyshire determined 80% of its applications in eight weeks that period. This was better than Amber Valley, Chesterfield, High Peak, North East Derbyshire, Derbyshire Dales and Derby City 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.

3.0 Background Papers

Statistical Release Information Bulletin PA-Q4 ODPM.