

REPORT TO: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL  
COMMITTEE

AGENDA  
ITEM:

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DATE OF MEETING: 19 August 2003

CATEGORY: OPEN

REPORT FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEMBERS'  
CONTACT POINT: Tony Sylvester (EXT. 5743)

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS FOR  
THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2002/2003 (January to March 2003)

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 2003.

3.2 In the quarter to 31 March 2003 the figures show that nationally 67% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. This shows a rise of 1% on the corresponding quarter in 2002.

3.3 South Derbyshire determined 74% of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was the third highest in Derbyshire for the quarter (the highest being Chesterfield at 77% followed by Bolsover at 76%). The figure also compares well to other authorities in the CIPFA group.

3.4 In the year to 31 March 2003 the figures show that nationally 67% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. South Derbyshire determined 65% of its applications in eight weeks that period. This was better than Erewash, Amber Valley 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.

4.0 **Background Papers:** Statistical Release Information Bulletin PA-Q3 ODPM.



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
<b>Derbyshire</b>							
Amber Valley	1187	95	60	293	93	<b>58</b>	74
Bolsover	554	89	72	146	84	<b>76</b>	88
Chesterfield	784	94	68	217	93	<b>77</b>	86
Erewash	938	90	64	232	88	<b>73</b>	86
High Peak	942	88	76	217	89	<b>73</b>	85
North East Derbyshire	1158	90	74	270	91	<b>70</b>	80
<b>South Derbyshire</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>90</b>
Derbyshire Dales	907	87	68	204	88	<b>68</b>	77
Derby UA	1628	92	60	426	93	<b>47</b>	91

**CIPFA Group**

Mid Bedfordshire	1835	87	58	409	86	<b>66</b>	84
Rochford	1024	82	83	254	83	<b>83</b>	93
Forest of Dean	1461	89	84	350	90	<b>84</b>	94
Hinckley and Bosworth	1156	90	76	225	89	<b>77</b>	83
Melton	758	85	76	212	80	<b>66</b>	85
North Kesteven	1497	92	68	376	90	<b>72</b>	77
Daventry	1151	89	68	277	86	<b>71</b>	90
East Northamptonshire	1023	92	46	311	89	<b>48</b>	78
South Northamptonshire	1545	83	63	315	79	<b>60</b>	78
Staffordshire Moorlands	810	81	79				
Lichfield	1332	85	66	326	86	<b>76</b>	87
Babergh	1628	89	69	418	88	<b>65</b>	80
North Warwickshire	778	87	79	196	84	<b>75</b>	97

**Adjoining Authorities**

North West Leicestershire	1218	85	55	299	80	<b>58</b>	75
East Staffordshire	1603	92	75	349	92	<b>74</b>	84

Table B

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CHARTER TARGETS (January to March 2003)**

TARGET DESCRIPTION	TARGET	ACTUAL
APPLICATION SITE VISITS WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS	90%	80%
APPLICATIONS DECIDED IN 8 WEEKS	80%	74%
DECISION NOTICES SENT OUT WITHIN 2 DAYS	90%	98%

