

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL) COMMITTEE
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Monthly progress report on
performance against BV109 targets for
determining planning applications

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APPENDICES:	None

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with a monthly progress report on performance against national best value performance indicators (BV 109).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the report be noted**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At Full Council in May 2006 it was agreed as part of the Recovery Plan that a report on the performance against best value performance indicators (BVPI 109) be reported to the Planning (Development Control) Committee on a monthly basis. The first of the series of monthly reports was reported to the Planning (Development Control) Committee on 13th June 2006.

- 3.2 The national targets for determining planning applications are as follows:

BV109 a (Major applications)	-	60% within 13 weeks.
BV109 b (Minor applications)	-	65% within 8 weeks.
BV109 c (other applications)	-	80% within 8 weeks.

3.3 In addition to these national targets there are new Local targets set out within the Business Plan for 2007/08. These are as follows:

Major applications	-	65% within 13 weeks.
Minor applications	-	80% within 8 weeks.
Other applications	-	90% within 8 weeks.

4. **PERFORMANCE**

4.1 The Trajectories showing annual performance to the period ending 31st December 2007 were attached to the monthly progress report at the February Committee meeting.

Major applications

4.2 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for major applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2007. It also shows the performance to date within the 4th Quarter of 2007/08 although the relevant period does not end until 31st March 2008 and as such these figures will be subject to further change. It is clear from the figures that performance on major applications has exceeded both the national target of 60% and local target of 65% since January 2006.

Quarter	No determined	No determined within 13 weeks	% determined Within 13 weeks
1 January – 31 March 2006	8	6	75%
1 April - 30 June 2006	13	12	92.31%
1 July – 30 September 2006	8	7	87.5%
1 October – 31 December 2006	1	1	100%
1 January – 31 March 2007	4	3	75%
1 April – 30 June 2007	3	2	66.67%
1 July – 30 September 2007	5	4	80%
1 October – 31 December 2007	16	12	75%
1 January – 31 March 2008 (figures taken 19.3.08)	6	5	82.39%

Minor applications

- 4.3 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for minor applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2007. It also shows the performance to date within the 4th Quarter of 2007/08 although the relevant period does not end until 31st March 2008 and as such these figures will be subject to further change. Although performance within this category fell for the period January to June 2007, performance has since improved and is currently exceeding the national target of 65% and the local target of 80%.

Quarter	No determined	No determined within 8 weeks	% determined within 8 weeks
1 January – 31 March 2006	61	50	81.97%
1 April - 30 June 2006	54	48	88.89%
1 July – 30 September 2006	51	45	88.24%
1 st October – 31 st December 2006	56	48	87.51%
1 January – 31 March 2007	47	37	78.72%
1 April – 30 June 2007	62	47	75.81%
1 July – 30 September 2007	68	55	80.88%
1 October – 31 December 2007	51	41	80.39%
1 January – 31 March 2008 (figures taken 21.2.08)	62	54	87.39%

Other applications

- 4.4 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for other applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2007. It also shows the performance to date within the 4th Quarter of 2007/08 although the relevant period does not end until 31st March 2008 and as such these figures will be subject to further change. Figures for the current quarter show a reduction in performance. Although the national target of 80% is being met it is very unlikely that the local target of 90% will be met with the existing staff vacancies.

Quarter	No determined	No determined within 8 weeks	% determined Within 8 weeks
1 January – 31 Mar 2006	171	165	96.49%
1 April – 30 June 2006	234	217	92.74%[
1 July – 30 September 2006	186	179	96.24%
1 st October – 31 st December 2006	175	164	93.71%
1 January – 31 March 2007	159	139	87.42% (as corrected)
1 April – 30 June 2007	193	171	88.60% (as corrected)
1 July – 30 September 2007	194	171	88.14% (as corrected)
1 October – 31 December 2007	199	174	87.44%
1 January – 31 March 2008 (figures taken 19.3.08)	159	131	82.39%

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal or policy implications.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 As advised previously due to staff vacancies within Development Control performance on minor and other applications may fall. In particular it is very unlikely that the local target for other applications will be met.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 There are risk management issues if performance continues to fail to meet the national targets.

9. CONSULTEES

- 9.1 None

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report on Recovery Plan (Full Council) – May 2006
Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee June 2006
Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee July 2006
DCLG – Planning Performance Statistics – Planning (DC) Committee August 2006
Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee September 2006
Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee October 2006
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