

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL) COMMITTEE  
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Monthly progress report on  
performance against NI157 (BV109) targets for  
determining planning applications

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<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<b>None</b>

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide Members with a monthly progress report on performance against national indicators (NI 157, formerly 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, now NI 157) 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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

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

NI157 a (Major applications)	-	60% within 13 weeks.
NI157 b (Minor applications)	-	65% within 8 weeks.
NI157 c (Other applications)	-	80% within 8 weeks.

3.3 In addition to these national targets there are local targets set out within the Business Plan for 2008/09. 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 were attached to the monthly progress report at the August 2008 Committee meeting.

**Major applications**

4.2 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for major applications for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008. At the time of compiling this report it was too early into the 3rd quarter of 2008/09 to identify any meaningful performance figures for the current quarter. It is clear from the figures that performance on major applications continues to exceed the national target of 60%. However, as identified within the monthly progress report at the September 2008 Committee meeting, the potential for the 2nd quarter of 2008/09 figures to fall below both the local and national targets come the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was identified, due to the relatively low number of new major applications being received during the current and previous quarters. Whilst the performance figures did however ultimately meet the national target, they have fallen short of the local target.

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	7	6	85.71%
1 April – 30 June 2008	14	11	78.57%
1 July – 30 September 2008	10	6	60%

**Minor applications**

4.3 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for minor applications for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008. At the time of compiling this report it was too early into the 3rd quarter of 2008/09 to identify any meaningful performance figures for the current quarter. Although performance within this category fell for the period January to June 2007, performance subsequently improved to exceed the national target of 65% and meet the local target of 80%. However, during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2008/09 whilst performance exceeded the national target, it dropped below the local target, and has remained below the local target during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter also.

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 <sup>st</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> 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	68	60	88.24%
1 April-30 June 2008	69	52	75.36%
1 July – 30 September 2008	57	43	75.14%

**Other applications**

4.4 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for other applications for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008. At the time of compiling this report it was too early into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2008/09 to identify any meaningful performance figures during the current quarter. The figures for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2008/09 show a slight drop below the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter figures, with the national target surpassed, but the performance falling just short of the local target.

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 <sup>st</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2006	175	164	93.71%
1 January – 31 March 2007	159	139	87.42% (as corrected)
1 April – 30 June 2007	195	170	87.18%
1 July – 30 September 2007	197	171	86.80%
1 October – 31 December 2007	199	174	87.44%
1 January – 31 March 2008	172	142	82.56%
1 April – 30 June 2008	185	170	91.89%
1 July – 30 September 2008	162	144	88.89%

**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 Performance in respect of major applications is often a challenge, due to their complexity and to the relatively low numbers of such applications received. This was further compounded during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2008/09 by the number of “older” applications which remained in the system. With regard to minor applications, performance has dipped over the past two quarters below the local target, but remains well above the national target. The performance in respect of major and minor applications will be monitored closely during the current quarter.

**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  
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