

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL) COMMITTEE
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Monthly progress report on
performance against NI 157 (BV109) targets for
determining planning applications

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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 - Annual performance on major applications Appendix 2 - Annual performance on minor applications <i>Appendix 3 - Annual performance on other applications</i>

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 13th June 2006.

- 3.2 The national targets for determining planning applications are as

follows:

- NI 157 a (Major applications) - 60% within 13 weeks.
- NI 157 b (Minor applications) - 65% within 8 weeks.
- NI 157 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 30th September 2008 are attached to this report as Appendices 1-3.

Major applications

4.2 The trajectory in *Appendix 1* shows the annual performance on major applications.

4.3 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for major applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2008. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2008/09 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2008 and as such these figures will be subject to further change. It is clear from the figures that performance on major applications continues to meet the national target of 60% although during the 2nd quarter of the current 2008/09 year the figures fell below the local target of 65%. Every effort will be made to try and ensure that the figures during the current 3rd quarter meet both the national and local targets.

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	5	4	80%

September 2007			
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%
1 October – 31 December 2008 (figures taken 28 October 2008)	1	1	100%

Minor applications

- 4.4 The trajectory in *Appendix 2* shows the annual performance on minor applications.
- 4.5 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for minor applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2008. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2008/09 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2008 and as such these figures will be subject to further change. Performance within this category has consistently met the national targets, but performance against the local targets has tended to fluctuate and has now fallen short in both the 1st and 2nd quarters of the current 2008/09 year. Based upon the initial figures for the current quarter this trend appears to be continuing and has been identified by the Development Control Manager as warranting immediate attention to seek to improve performance in this area.

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	68	55	80.88%

September 2007			
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	75.44% (as corrected)
1 October – 31 December 2008 (figures taken 28 October 2008)	18	11	61.11%

Other applications

- 4.6 The trajectory in *Appendix 3* shows the annual performance on other applications.
- 4.7 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for other applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2008. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2008/09 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2008 and as such these figures will be subject to further change. The figures for the last full quarter showed a slight fall below the local targets, with the national targets being exceeded comfortably.

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	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%
1 October – 31 December 2008 (figures taken 28 October 2008)	39	31	79.44%

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, particularly compounded by the current economic downturn. This was further exacerbated during the 2nd 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 has remained above the national target. Even so, this trend gives cause for concern. 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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