

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Monthly progress report on performance against NI157 (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 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 31st March 2009 were attached to the monthly progress report at the May 2009 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 March 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 1st Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 30th June 2009 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%. The most recent full quarter figures exceeded both the national and local targets.

However, Members are advised that due to the relatively low number of new major applications that have been received over recent months, there is a distinct possibility that performance in this area may suffer due to the number of older, more complex, major applications which are approaching final determination and which have already gone beyond 13 weeks. Whilst every effort will be made to manage these applications effectively, in the absence of significant numbers of new major submissions to offset against these older applications, performance may be adversely affected during the current and future quarters.

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%
1 October – 31 December 2008	5	4	80%
1 January – 31 March 2009	4	4	100%
1 April – 30 June 2009 (figures taken 26 May 2009)	3	2	66.67%

Minor applications

- 4.3 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for minor applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 31st March 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 1st Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 30th June 2009 and, as such, these figures will be subject to further change. Performance within this category has consistently met the national targets, but fell short of the local targets throughout the 2008/09 year. Performance in this area continues to be monitored closely by the Development Manager.

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 October – 31 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	75.44% (as corrected)
1 October – 31 December 2008	55	42	76.36%
1 January – 31 March 2009	41	31	75.61%
1 April – 30 June 2009 (figures taken 26 May 2009)	37	31	83.78%

Other applications

4.4 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for other applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 31st March 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 1st Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 30th June 2009 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 March 2006	171	165	96.49%
1 April - 30 June 2006	234	217	92.74%[
1 July – 30 September 2006	186	179	96.24%
1 October – 31 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	113	100	88.5%
1 January – 31 March 2009	99	89	89.9%
1 April – 30 June 2009 (figures taken 26 May 2009)	85	74	87.05%

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. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are advised of concerns in respect of the performance against major applications targets, both within the current and future quarters, due to the low number of new major applications being received which would offset the older, more complex, major applications which are nearing determination. The Council has no control over the number and timing of applications being submitted for determination, but undoubtedly the current economic downturn is having an impact upon the number of new major applications which have been received over recent months.

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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