

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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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:

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| 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:

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| 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 2009 are attached to this report as appendices 1-3.

Major applications

4.2 The trajectory in Appendix 1 shows 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 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2009 and as such these figures will be subject to further change. It is clear from the figures that performance on major applications over recent quarters has continued to meet the national target of 60%.

4.4 However, as previously advised, due to the continued relatively low number of new major applications that have been received over recent months, performance in this area has suffered due to the number of older, more complex, major applications which have reached final determination and which have already gone beyond 13 weeks. Whilst every effort has been made to manage these applications effectively, in the absence of significant numbers of new major submissions to offset against these older applications, performance has suffered and as such it is with regret that it is reported that both the National and Local targets were not achieved during the 2nd Quarter of 2009/10.

| 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% |

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| 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 | 3 | 2 | 66.67% |
| 1 July – 30 September 2009 | 5 | 2 | 40% |
| 1 October – 31 December 2009 (figures taken 27 October 2009) | 3 | 2 | 66.67% |

Minor applications

- 4.5 The trajectory in Appendix 2 shows the annual performance on minor applications.
- 4.6 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for minor applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2009 and, as such, these figures will be subject to further change. Performance within this category has consistently met the national targets, but after exceeding the local target during the 1st Quarter of 2009/10 has slipped back below the local target during the 2nd Quarter.

| 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% |

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| 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 | 56 | 47 | 83.93% |
| 1 July – 30 September 2009 | 40 | 31 | 77.50% |
| 1 October – 31 December 2009 (figures taken 27 October 2009) | 13 | 10 | 76.92% |

Other applications

- 4.7 The trajectory in Appendix 3 shows annual performance on other applications.
- 4.8 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for other applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2009 and, as such, these figures will be subject to further change. The figures for the last full quarter show a fall in performance in this area compared with previous quarters. This will be monitored closely over the current quarter.

| 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 | 129 | 114 | 88.37% |
| 1 July – 30 September 2009 | 135 | 115 | 85.19% |
| 1 October – 31 December 2009 (figures taken 27 October 2009) | 35 | 33 | 94.29% |

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 continued 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
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee October 2006
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee November 2006
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee December 2006
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee January 2007
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee February 2007
- DCLG : Planning Performance Statistics – Planning (DC) Committee February 2007
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee March 2007
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee April 2007
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- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee November 2007
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee December 2007
- DCLG : Planning Performance Statistics – Planning (DC) Committee January 2008
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee January 2008
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