

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

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Report to:- Development Control Committee

Date of Meeting:- 1 April 2005

Agenda Item No:-

Public

Policy

Delegated: Yes

Accompanying Comments and Statements

Required

Included

Environmental Impact Statement:

No

No

Corporate Management Team Comments:

No

No

Financial Comments:

No

No

Legal Comments:

No

No

Personnel Comments:

No

No

Impact on Customers:

No

No

Title:-

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS: JULY –
SEPTEMBER 2004**

Report of:-

Head of Planning Services

Report reference:-

P.08/05

Summary:-

The Report details the comparative performance of the City Council in dealing with applications for planning permission and other development during the third quarter of 2004.

Recommendation:-

The Report be noted and received.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The ODPM has recently released statistical information covering the performance of Local Planning Authorities in England & Wales for the three months from July to September 2004.
- 1.2 The most recent Government release through the National Statistical Office discloses that in the period from July to September last year the recent pattern of increasing numbers of planning submissions was maintained. During the period a total of 169,000 planning applications were lodged, the highest total for that particular quarter since 1988 and 1% higher than the corresponding period in 2003.
- 1.3 The number of decisions made in the quarter also increased by 6% compared to a year earlier, with the North West Region having the highest increase (12%) in decisions compared to the same quarter of 2003. This is the largest number decided in this period since 1988. As noted in previous Statistical Releases, the single largest factor that accounts for that increase is the growth in the number of householder applications, which nationally rose from 91,700 for the July-September period of 2003 to 95,900 for the same period in 2004. Those applications now account for over half of all decisions, although the number of decisions relating to new dwellings also increased (from 19,100 to 21,500) and accounts for 12% of all decisions.
- 1.4 The speed of decisions also rose with 78% of all decisions made in the quarter being within 8 weeks, an increase of 5% over the same period a year ago. Decisions made within 13 weeks of receipt rose by 3%, to 90%.
- 1.5 Members will be aware that the Government has set "Performance Standards" against which all Authorities can be measured: 60% of all decisions on "Major" applications are expected to be made within 13 weeks of receipt; 65% of "Minor" applications are expected to be decided within 8 weeks of receipt; and 80% of the decisions on "Other" applications are expected to be made within 8 weeks.

- 1.6 In national terms, 61% of decisions on "Major" applications met the target, 68% of applications for "Minor" applications were decided within 8 weeks or less and 83% of "Other" applications were decided within 8 weeks of submission. These represent respectively a 9%, 6% and 5% improvement over the period July – September 2003. It is notable, however, that 61% of Authorities met the Performance Standard for "Major" applications, 68% achieved the Standard for "Minor" applications and 83% achieved the standard for "Other" applications.
- 1.7 Carlisle City Council's performance over the quarter merits comment. Not only did the Council deal with more applications in the quarter (429) compared to the same period last year (295), but the determination within targets for the major category exceeded last years performance by 19% (17% 2003, 36% 2004). The Council's performance slightly decreased within the "Minor" category (86% 2003, 85% 2004) and the "Other" category (92% 2003, 91% 2004). However in light of the large increase in application numbers from 295 to 429, which is a 68% increase, this slight reduction is very minimal.
- 1.8 The Council exceeded the Governments targets for "Minor" applications in the Performance Standards, with 86% of applications determined within 8 weeks compared to the target of 65%. The final category in the Performance Standard ("Other" applications) has again exceeded the Government's target for this category with 92% of decisions within 8 weeks compared to the target of 80%.
- 1.9 Although the performance over the July to September 2004 quarter is very encouraging the Council's performance over the year to September 2004, although improved over the previous year, still does not meet the Best Value targets for 'major', 'minor' and 'other' applications. The situation is being monitored and ways of improving these issues will be considered in the Planning Services Business Plan for 2005/06.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

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Tables

Summary by Main Classes of Development

North West

Name of County area	Local Planning Authority	Class of Development	Applications on hand at start and end of quarter		Applications received in Quarter		Total decisions in Quarter		Applications granted in Quarter		Decisions within 8 weeks		Decisions within 13 weeks	
			Start	End	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Lancashire	Eden +	Major Development					2		2	100	1	50	2	100
		Minor Development					120		99	83	99	83	108	90
		Other Development					151		134	89	138	91	143	95
		All Classes	231	207	268		273	88	235	88	238	87	253	93
	South Lakeland +	Major Development					5		3	60	0	0	3	60
		Minor Development					124		105	85	77	62	105	85
		Other Development					288		260	93	217	75	262	91
		All Classes	315	231	354		417	90	368	90	294	71	370	89
	Burnley	Major Development					6		5	83	3	50	4	67
		Minor Development					58		52	90	31	53	50	86
		Other Development					148		122	82	114	77	139	94
		All Classes	148	129	195		212	84	179	84	148	70	193	91
Chorley	Major Development					10		7	70	6	60	8	80	
	Minor Development					57		45	79	42	74	52	91	
	Other Development					251		207	87	225	90	243	97	
	All Classes	224	211	330		318	85	259	85	273	86	303	95	
Fylde	Major Development					10		10	100	4	40	7	70	
	Minor Development					51		42	82	39	76	44	86	
	Other Development					265		208	89	236	89	260	98	
	All Classes	198	159	301		326	88	260	88	279	86	311	95	
Hyndburn	Major Development					3		3	100	0	0	2	67	
	Minor Development					59		54	92	53	90	57	97	
	Other Development					157		137	87	140	89	156	99	
	All Classes	110	112	230		219	89	194	89	193	88	215	98	

Number and percentages granted based on rows 1-17 of PS2 form.
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Halton UA		Major Development					24		20	83	3	13	16	67
		Minor Development					90		79	88	84	93	89	99
		Other Development					191		168	90	184	96	189	99
		All Classes	267	206	259		305		267	89	271	89	294	96
Warrington UA		Major Development					16		14	88	4	25	9	56
		Minor Development					177		157	89	125	71	161	91
		Other Development					541		468	87	402	74	499	92
		All Classes	692	640	721		734		639	88	531	72	669	91
Allerdale +		Major Development					15		13	87	4	27	9	60
		Minor Development					110		93	85	43	39	85	77
		Other Development					265		248	94	178	67	240	91
		All Classes	321	379	474		390		354	91	225	58	334	86
Barrow-in-Furness		Major Development					9		9	100	2	22	6	67
		Minor Development					38		34	89	19	50	25	66
		Other Development					137		124	93	84	61	123	90
		All Classes	209	220	205		184		167	93	105	57	154	84
Carlisle		Major Development					11		11	100	2	18	4	36
		Minor Development					132		118	89	91	69	112	85
		Other Development					286		262	94	228	80	261	91
		All Classes	370	331	416		429		391	93	321	75	377	88
Copeland +		Major Development												
		Minor Development												
		Other Development												
		All Classes	142	142	194									
Number and percentages granted based on rows 1-17 of PS2 form.													No PS2 return	

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Table 7 (cont)

Planning Decisions, per cent granted and decided within 8 weeks

Planning authority	Year ending 30 September 2004			July to September 2004			Percentage of decisions delegated to Officers
	Total decisions	Per cent granted	Per cent within 8 weeks	Total decisions	Per cent granted	Per cent within 8 weeks	
CUMBRIA							
Allerdale +	1,366	92	58	390	91	58	95
Barrow-in-Furness	738	92	65	184	93	57	54
Carlisle	1,551	93	73	429	93	75	80
Copeland +	563	(3)	77	..	..	..	71
Eden +	1,057	83	83	273	88	87	93
South Lakeland +	1,339	92	72	417	90	71	80
DERBYSHIRE							
Amber Valley	1,469	90	72	375	91	80	80
Bolsover	734	88	81	209	88	79	90
Chesterfield	870	95	75	259	93	73	76
Erewash	1,084	86	81	305	81	80	92
High Peak +	1,087	82	66	317	80	74	88
North East Derbyshire +	1,313	87	78	366	85	83	86
South Derbyshire	1,411	89	78	361	90	80	92
Derbyshire Dales +	899	85	76	272	86	82	87
Derby UA	1,993	90	77	529	85	79	89
DEVON							
East Devon	2,933	80	66	834	77	73	90
Exeter	1,279	84	81	393	84	81	94
North Devon +	2,093	87	78	562	86	83	97
South Hams +	2,196	90	78	545	89	88	95
Teignbridge +	2,269	78	82	609	78	89	92
Mid Devon +	1,614	86	58	388	84	71	94
Torridge	1,539	80	58	399	78	63	81
West Devon +	1,026	86	83	287	88	89	93
Plymouth UA	2,261	76	70	613	74	85	93
Torbay UA	2,001	79	82	518	79	85	91
DORSET							
Christchurch	744	78	83	203	83	85	84
North Dorset	1,372	80	69	396	88	70	83
Purbeck	1,004	87	75	290	87	81	89
West Dorset	2,043	89	60	483	90	82	89
Weymouth and Portland	875	87	85	191	83	78	87
East Dorset	1,480	78	73	426	79	63	71
Bournemouth UA	2,168	76	57	565	73	52	96
Poole UA	2,095	81	73	575	78	79	95
DURHAM							
Chester-le-Street	609	93	86	142	93	87	76
Derwentside	968	95	75	280	96	81	88
Durham	1,234	87	87	349	89	88	93
Haslington	1,015	93	88	305	91	79	88
Sedgefield	736	92	59	229	87	66	86
Teesdale	581	92	82	156	93	79	83
Wear Valley	843	94	78	198	97	62	89
Darlington UA	1,087	91	75	325	90	73	81
EAST SUSSEX							
Eastbourne	816	92	86	205	91	85	83
Hastings	918	82	84	244	80	83	87
Lewes	1,399	84	86	372	81	91	94
Rother	2,224	78	68	626	77	71	84
Wealden	3,062	84	65	817	85	76	90
Brighton & Hove UA	3,147	75	75	905	77	73	83

NOTES: (1), (2), (3) Where an authority has supplied data for only part of a full year the number of quarters to which the data relate is given in brackets.

Authorities marked '+' include areas within a National Park, but figures are for outside the park area only.

.. Indicates that information is not available for the relevant quarter(s).

- Denotes zero.

Table 8 (cont)

Planning Decisions, by development type and speed of decision

Planning authority	Year ending 30 September 2004									
	Per cent within 13 weeks					Per cent within 8 weeks				
	Total major decisions	Total minor decisions	Total other decisions	Per cent within 13 weeks	Per cent within 8 weeks	Total major decisions	Total minor decisions	Total other decisions	Per cent within 13 weeks	Per cent within 8 weeks
CHESHIRE										
Chesler	48	56	1,534	67	81	8	121	418	75	87
Congleton	36	81	1,022	85	96	7	114	282	82	96
Crewe and Nantwich	57	65	964	57	81	22	114	280	72	90
Ellesmere Port and Neston	33	30	703	65	80	7	40	196	75	88
Macclesfield +	60	65	2,347	80	90	15	150	610	85	91
Vale Royal	43	74	1,395	80	92	9	98	369	88	94
Hallon UA	66	76	696	92	96	24	90	191	93	96
Warrington UA	84	45	1,812	58	68	16	177	541	71	74
FORMER COUNTY OF CLEVELAND										
Hartlepool UA	22	73	604	71	84	6	42	166	71	83
Redcar and Cleveland UA +	21	48	951	52	70	10	63	293	37	66
Middlesborough UA	37	65	839	71	84	8	74	204	81	85
Stockton-on-Tees UA	69	55	1,612	75	87	15	95	432	87	88
CORNWALL										
Caradon	23	48	1,091	49	65	7	136	350	55	74
Carrick	47	62	1,626	67	85	18	150	376	86	92
Kerrier	25	52	1,289	77	93	7	198	373	78	94
North Cornwall	47	51	1,396	68	81	14	245	399	71	80
Penwith	18	72	1,237	72	84	5	172	292	78	85
Restormel	66	61	1,140	73	85	21	227	322	71	86
CUMBRIA										
Allerdale +	42	52	890	44	66	15	110	265	39	67
Barrow-in-Furness	33	70	577	56	68	9	38	137	50	61
Carlisle	39	54	1,028	64	79	11	132	286	69	80
Copeland +	24	63	323	74	84	..	..	..	..	..
Eden +	18	67	520	77	90	2	120	151	83	91
South Lakeland +	18	39	931	61	78	5	124	288	62	75

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