

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- **The Chairman & Members of the Development Control Committee**

Date of Meeting:- 13th February 2004

Agenda Item No:-

A4

Public

Operational

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 2003**

Report of:-

Head of Planning Services

Report reference:-

P.13/04

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 2003.

Recommendation:-

The Report be noted and received.

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Head Of Planning Services

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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: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Statistical Release 12 December 2003

- 1.0 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 that period a total of 167,000 planning applications were lodged, the highest total for that particular quarter since 1988 and a rise of 5% in comparison with the same period of 2002.
- 1.2 The North West region, within which this Authority is grouped, experienced the second highest increase (11%) in applications numbers.
- 1.3 The number of decisions made in the quarter also increased by 10% compared to a year earlier with the North West Region again having the second highest increase (15%) in decisions compared to the same quarter of 2002. 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 81,900 for the July-September period of 2002 to 91,600 for the same period in 2003. Those applications now account for over half of all decisions, although the number of decisions relating to new dwellings also increased (from 15,900 to 19,100) and accounts for 11% of all decisions.
- 1.4 The speed of decisions also is rising: 73% of all decisions made in the quarter were within the 8-week target, an increase of 8% over the same period a year ago. Decisions made within 13 weeks of receipt also rose, by a more modest 3%, to 88%.
- 1.5 As Members will appreciate, the Government has introduced a Performance Standard in relation to the time taken to deal with **major** applications, **minor** and **other** applications. In national terms, district authorities dealt with 52% of major applications within 13 weeks, 62% of minor applications within 8 weeks and 78% of other applications within 8 weeks. These represent a 10% increase in each of the first two categories and 8% in the "other applications" category compared to 12 months ago. During the quarter, 143 authorities (40% of those responding) were able to deal with 60% or more of their major applications within 13 weeks; 166 authorities (46%) were able to deal with 65% or more of their minor applications within 8 weeks; and 198 authorities (55%) made 80% or more of their decisions on other applications within 8 weeks of receipt.

- 1.6 The level of delegation of decisions assigned by authorities to their Officers is also now monitored and, on average, 86% of decisions were delegated, just below the Government's objective of 90% of decisions. In comparison with the national picture, Carlisle achieves 78% delegation, the fourth lowest of the Cumbrian districts and significantly less than the national average.
- 1.7 In terms of the City Council's general performance 77% of all decisions made within the quarter were within 8 weeks of receipt, bettered only in Cumbria by South Lakeland DC which achieved 84% of its decisions in the 8 week statutory period. Taken over the full year ending on 30th September 68% of decisions made by this Council were taken within 8 weeks, the third best in Cumbria.
- 1.8 When the Performance Standard "categories" of development are assessed, however, the picture is somewhat mixed. Of the 6 **major** applications decided in the quarter by the City Council only 17% were within 13 weeks; of the 94 **minor** decisions by this authority 68% were within 8 weeks; while of the 195 **other applications** decided, 84% of those decisions were within 8 weeks. In short, we perform badly in one category against the national average, while being 6% above the national average for the other two categories of development.
- 1.9 As has been observed in commentary on previous Quarterly Statistics, the City Council generally deals with more applications than other Districts in Cumbria. However, in the July-September Quarter both Allerdale BC and South Lakeland DC made more decisions. The paradox is that Carlisle had more "on hand" at the start and end of the Quarter than any other authority and received the second highest number of new applications in the quarter. It would seem that the relatively lower number of decisions made in the quarter (295 compared to 407 for the preceding quarter) is probably mainly attributable to Annual Leave entitlements.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Report be noted and received.

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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 | | Applications granted in Quarter | | Decisions within 8 weeks | | Decisions within 13 weeks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--|-----|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| | | | Start | End | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Halton UA | | Major Development | | | 19 | 100 | 19 | 100 | 7 | 37 | 13 | 68 |
| | | Minor Development | | | 48 | 88 | 42 | 88 | 46 | 96 | 47 | 98 |
| | | Other Development | | | 215 | 93 | 189 | 93 | 206 | 96 | 212 | 99 |
| | | All Classes | 209 | 176 | 269 | 93 | 250 | 93 | 259 | 92 | 272 | 96 |
| Warrington UA | | Major Development | | | 16 | 88 | 14 | 88 | 8 | 50 | 12 | 75 |
| | | Minor Development | | | 105 | 83 | 87 | 83 | 75 | 71 | 91 | 87 |
| | | Other Development | | | 471 | 91 | 424 | 91 | 341 | 72 | 445 | 94 |
| | | All Classes | 514 | 541 | 642 | 89 | 525 | 89 | 424 | 72 | 548 | 93 |
| Allerdale + | | Major Development | | | 5 | 80 | 4 | 80 | 3 | 60 | 4 | 80 |
| | | Minor Development | | | 134 | 84 | 113 | 84 | 73 | 54 | 120 | 90 |
| | | Other Development | | | 211 | 93 | 196 | 93 | 152 | 72 | 199 | 94 |
| | | All Classes | 200 | 206 | 372 | 90 | 313 | 90 | 228 | 65 | 323 | 92 |
| Barrow-in-Furness | | Major Development | | | 5 | 100 | 5 | 100 | 3 | 60 | 4 | 80 |
| | | Minor Development | | | 27 | 89 | 24 | 89 | 11 | 41 | 18 | 67 |
| | | Other Development | | | 114 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 66 | 58 | 108 | 95 |
| | | All Classes | 155 | 175 | 183 | 98 | 136 | 98 | 80 | 55 | 130 | 89 |
| Carlisle | | Major Development | | | 6 | 83 | 5 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 |
| | | Minor Development | | | 94 | 90 | 85 | 90 | 64 | 68 | 81 | 86 |
| | | Other Development | | | 195 | 97 | 182 | 97 | 163 | 84 | 179 | 92 |
| | | All Classes | 288 | 306 | 328 | 94 | 272 | 94 | 227 | 77 | 261 | 88 |
| Copeland + | | Major Development | | | 4 | 75 | 3 | 75 | 2 | 50 | 4 | 100 |
| | | Minor Development | | | 77 | 90 | 69 | 90 | 42 | 55 | 65 | 84 |
| | | Other Development | | | 109 | 97 | 103 | 97 | 69 | 63 | 104 | 95 |
| | | All Classes | 144 | 127 | 180 | 94 | 175 | 94 | 113 | 59 | 173 | 91 |

* Number and percentages granted based on rows 1-17 of PS2 form.

* Figures marked '+' are for applications outside National Park only.

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 |
| Eden + | | Major Development | | | 6 | | 5 | 83 | 2 | 33 | 4 | 67 | | |
| | | Minor Development | | | 117 | | 79 | 68 | 78 | 67 | 96 | 82 | | |
| | | Other Development | | | 153 | | 119 | 93 | 132 | 86 | 141 | 92 | | |
| | | All Classes | 250 | 224 | 276 | 265 | 203 | 81 | 212 | 77 | 241 | 87 | | |
| South Lakeland + | | Major Development | | | 2 | | 1 | 50 | 2 | 100 | 2 | 100 | | |
| | | Minor Development | | | 75 | | 66 | 88 | 60 | 80 | 71 | 95 | | |
| | | Other Development | | | 212 | | 197 | 94 | 181 | 85 | 209 | 99 | | |
| | | All Classes | 239 | 264 | 289 | 314 | 264 | 92 | 243 | 84 | 282 | 98 | | |
| Lancashire | | Major Development | | | 4 | | 2 | 50 | 1 | 25 | 3 | 75 | | |
| | | Minor Development | | | 45 | | 40 | 89 | 32 | 71 | 39 | 87 | | |
| | | Other Development | | | 108 | | 93 | 88 | 102 | 94 | 105 | 97 | | |
| | | All Classes | 109 | 124 | 157 | 175 | 135 | 87 | 135 | 86 | 147 | 94 | | |
| Chorley | | Major Development | | | 7 | | 6 | 86 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 43 | | |
| | | Minor Development | | | 75 | | 56 | 75 | 28 | 37 | 45 | 60 | | |
| | | Other Development | | | 264 | | 236 | 91 | 194 | 73 | 230 | 87 | | |
| | | All Classes | 301 | 257 | 346 | 323 | 298 | 87 | 223 | 64 | 278 | 80 | | |
| Fylde | | Major Development | | | 12 | | 8 | 67 | 3 | 25 | 4 | 33 | | |
| | | Minor Development | | | 76 | | 49 | 64 | 46 | 61 | 64 | 84 | | |
| | | Other Development | | | 208 | | 187 | 90 | 156 | 75 | 197 | 95 | | |
| | | All Classes | 217 | 207 | 296 | 286 | 244 | 83 | 205 | 69 | 265 | 90 | | |
| Hyndburn | | Major Development | | | 10 | | 9 | 90 | 3 | 30 | 5 | 50 | | |
| | | Minor Development | | | 57 | | 43 | 75 | 37 | 65 | 45 | 79 | | |
| | | Other Development | | | 131 | | 112 | 85 | 117 | 89 | 124 | 95 | | |
| | | All Classes | 131 | 100 | 198 | 175 | 164 | 83 | 157 | 79 | 174 | 91 | | |

* Number and percentages granted based on rows 1-17 of P-S2 form.

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Table 7 (cont)

Planning Decisions, per cent granted and decided within 8 weeks

| Planning authority | Year ending 30 September 2003 | | | July to September 2003 | | | 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 + | 1,191 | 91 | 68 | 350 | 90 | 65 | 97 |
| Barrow-in-Furness | 513 | 92 | 60 | 146 | 98 | 55 | 65 |
| Carlisle | 1,324 | 94 | 68 | 295 | 94 | 77 | 78 |
| Copeland + | 735 | 95 | 64 | 190 | 94 | 59 | 69 |
| Eden + | 1,061 | 86 | 72 | 276 | 81 | 77 | 94 |
| South Lakeland + | 1,281 | 91 | 73 | 289 | 92 | 84 | 84 |
| DERBYSHIRE | | | | | | | |
| Amber Valley | 1,437 | 94 | 54 | 436 | 92 | 58 | 83 |
| Bolsover | 682 | 86 | 82 | 197 | 85 | 88 | 92 |
| Chesterfield | 789 | 95 | 75 | 192 | 96 | 77 | 86 |
| Erewash | 981 | 90 | 73 | 273 | 89 | 74 | 98 |
| High Peak + | 976 | 86 | 79 | 261 | 86 | 83 | 93 |
| North East Derbyshire + | 1,249 | 90 | 72 | 373 | 89 | 79 | 83 |
| South Derbyshire | 1,439 | 91 | 77 | 384 | 90 | 79 | 92 |
| Derbyshire Dales + | 888 | 89 | 70 | 224 | 88 | 75 | 75 |
| Derby UA | 1,998 | 92 | 67 | 555 | 91 | 81 | 93 |
| DEVON | | | | | | | |
| East Devon | 2,956 | 81 | 60 | 764 | 82 | 68 | 91 |
| Exeter | 1,290 | 79 | 85 | 313 | 76 | 82 | 91 |
| North Devon + | 1,764 | 86 | 78 | 468 | 85 | 86 | 94 |
| South Hams + | 2,145 | 78 | 71 | 580 | 94 | 77 | 93 |
| Teignbridge + | 2,044 | 86 | 55 | 563 | 85 | 53 | 89 |
| Mid Devon + | 1,555 | 89 | 55 | 420 | 85 | 58 | 92 |
| Torridge | 1,538 | 82 | 56 | 383 | 84 | 58 | 82 |
| West Devon + | 1,004 | 86 | 77 | 246 | 85 | 84 | 89 |
| Plymouth UA | 1,860 | 82 | 45 | 468 | 81 | 49 | 87 |
| Torbay UA | 2,107 | 77 | 69 | 586 | 75 | 75 | 84 |
| DORSET | | | | | | | |
| Christchurch | 766 | 67 | 76 | 175 | 75 | 79 | 79 |
| North Dorset | 1,368 | 79 | 54 | 411 | 79 | 59 | 82 |
| Purbeck | 944 | 92 | 65 | 262 | 91 | 73 | 88 |
| West Dorset | 1,893 | 90 | 51 | 565 | 90 | 45 | 86 |
| Weymouth and Portland | 778 | 82 | 76 | 186 | 80 | 85 | 80 |
| East Dorset | 1,544 | 82 | 79 | 410 | 79 | 80 | 87 |
| Bournemouth UA | 2,117 | 79 | 61 | 555 | 78 | 65 | 92 |
| Poole UA | 1,992 | 83 | 74 | 492 | 86 | 74 | 95 |
| DURHAM | | | | | | | |
| Chester-le-Street | 577 | 92 | 78 | 176 | 95 | 80 | 77 |
| Derwentside | 1,001 | 96 | 81 | 328 | 96 | 77 | 81 |
| Durham | 1,141 | 89 | 64 | 331 | 89 | 72 | 89 |
| Easington | 836 | 94 | 92 | 234 | 95 | 94 | 91 |
| Sedgefield | 626 | 95 | 69 | 176 | 94 | 66 | 87 |
| Teesdale | 479 | 95 | 81 | 129 | 96 | 89 | 84 |
| Wear Valley | 804 | 95 | 77 | 212 | 96 | 86 | 96 |
| Darlington UA | 1,025 | 94 | 69 | 314 | 94 | 63 | 78 |
| EAST SUSSEX | | | | | | | |
| Eastbourne | 810 | 92 | 72 | 222 | 91 | 79 | 84 |
| Hastings | 927 | 84 | 81 | 278 | 85 | 89 | 91 |
| Lewes | 1,386 | 82 | 80 | 380 | 81 | 83 | 86 |
| Rother | 2,154 | 79 | 60 | 549 | 80 | 75 | 85 |
| Wealden | 2,717 | 87 | 63 | 770 | 88 | 60 | 86 |
| Brighton & Hove UA | 3,311 | 75 | 74 | 905 | 76 | 81 | 85 |

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- 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 2003 | | | | | July to September 2003 | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total major decisions | Per cent within 13 weeks | Total minor decisions | Per cent within 8 weeks | Total other decisions | Per cent within 8 weeks | Total major decisions | Per cent within 13 weeks | Total minor decisions | Per cent within 8 weeks | Total other decisions | Per cent within 8 weeks |
| CHESHIRE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chester | 51 | 45 | 429 | 64 | 1,487 | 77 | 18 | 28 | 102 | 68 | 365 | 84 |
| Congleton | 31 | 68 | 340 | 82 | 984 | 92 | 7 | 57 | 94 | 86 | 285 | 96 |
| Crewe and Nantwich | 21 | 71 | 300 | 39 | 1,078 | 61 | 11 | 82 | 103 | 49 | 283 | 79 |
| Ellesmere Port and Neston | 19 | 53 | 137 | 67 | 668 | 88 | 4 | 75 | 25 | 72 | 146 | 90 |
| Macclesfield + | 55 | 62 | 688 | 63 | 2,468 | 76 | 12 | 75 | 165 | 65 | 601 | 81 |
| Vale Royal | 40 | 45 | 399 | 67 | 1,142 | 79 | 9 | 44 | 111 | 68 | 338 | 80 |
| Halton UA | 49 | 61 | 216 | 85 | 681 | 93 | 19 | 68 | 48 | 96 | 215 | 96 |
| Warrington UA | 62 | 40 | 389 | 54 | 1,755 | 70 | 16 | 75 | 105 | 71 | 471 | 72 |
| FORMER COUNTY OF CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartlepool UA | 13 | 69 | 231 | 58 | 602 | 76 | 2 | 100 | 60 | 68 | 188 | 83 |
| Redcar and Cleveland UA + | 17 | 41 | 148 | 49 | 544 | 63 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Middlesborough UA | 21 | 62 | 272 | 71 | 719 | 85 | 11 | 82 | 81 | 69 | 235 | 87 |
| Stockton-on-Tees UA | 47 | 53 | 301 | 38 | 1,517 | 71 | 14 | 64 | 88 | 45 | 466 | 77 |
| CORNWALL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caradon | 21 | 38 | 505 | 65 | 1,013 | 82 | 8 | 38 | 148 | 66 | 260 | 78 |
| Carrick | 45 | 24 | 589 | 44 | 1,407 | 72 | 12 | 17 | 134 | 43 | 381 | 78 |
| Kerrier | 27 | 44 | 508 | 70 | 1,173 | 90 | 8 | 63 | 130 | 71 | 308 | 92 |
| North Cornwall | 48 | 44 | 937 | 41 | 1,451 | 56 | 10 | 70 | 276 | 58 | 435 | 66 |
| Penwith | 21 | 33 | 504 | 67 | 1,148 | 81 | 5 | 60 | 127 | 69 | 300 | 82 |
| Restormel | 56 | 59 | 937 | 66 | 1,268 | 82 | 14 | 86 | 223 | 84 | 326 | 89 |
| CUMBRIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allerdale + | 22 | 55 | 416 | 56 | 753 | 75 | 5 | 80 | 134 | 54 | 211 | 72 |
| Barrow-in-Furness | 15 | 53 | 106 | 54 | 392 | 63 | 5 | 80 | 27 | 41 | 114 | 58 |
| Carlisle | 30 | 30 | 439 | 57 | 855 | 75 | 6 | 17 | 94 | 68 | 195 | 84 |
| Copeland + | 18 | 83 | 313 | 57 | 404 | 73 | 4 | 100 | 77 | 55 | 109 | 63 |
| Eden + | 20 | 60 | 486 | 63 | 555 | 81 | 6 | 67 | 117 | 67 | 153 | 86 |
| South Lakeland + | 15 | 67 | 400 | 65 | 866 | 77 | 2 | 100 | 75 | 80 | 212 | 85 |

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