

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

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Report to:- **Development Control Committee**

Date of Meeting:- 2nd November 2001

Agenda Item No:-

Public

Operational

Delegated: Yes

Accompanying Comments and Statements

	Required	Included
Environmental Impact Statement:	No	No
Corporate Management Team Comments:	No	No
City Treasurers Comments:	No	No
City Solicitor & Secretary Comments:	No	No
Head of Personnel Services Comments:	No	No

Title:- **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS: APRIL - JUNE 2001**

Report of:- **Director of Environment and Development**

Report reference:- **EN.168/01**

Summary:-

The Government's Statistical Service has recently released the national statistics relating to the performance of local planning authorities throughout England in determining planning applications for the second quarter of 2001. The statistics show that the City Council continues to perform above the national average.

Recommendation:-

The report be received and the Council's performance noted.

M Battersby

Director Environment and Development

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

**Report to the Chairman and Members of the
Development Control Committee**

EN.168/01

- 1.1 Members will know that the Government issues quarterly statistics relating to the development control performance of all planning authorities in England & Wales and that these are expected to be placed before the appropriate Committee of each Council so comparative assessment can be made of that authority's performance.
- 1.2 The latest release refers to the second quarter of this year, a quarter which resulted in the highest number of planning applications submitted in the last 10 years and a 3% rise over the same period in 2000. The number of decisions made in the quarter was similarly the highest for 10 years and 4% higher than the corresponding quarter of 2000.
- 1.3 Nationally, the speed of decisions rose to 65% within 8 weeks compared to 64% than a year ago. The best performing region was the North-East where 71% of planning decisions met the 8 week target for determination.
- 1.4 Of the 362 Authorities from whom information was requested, 358 (99%) responded, the highest response rate for 6 years.
- 1.5 Carlisle City Council's performance remains highly creditable with 78% of planning decisions in the quarter being made within 8 weeks, the best performance of all the Cumbrian Councils that responded. That is a 1% improvement over the same period in 2000 even though the same number of decisions (261) were made in both quarters. Perhaps more significantly, the recent performance significantly improved upon the first quarter of this year when 69% of decisions were made within 8 weeks.
- 1.6 Members might also wish to note that 97% of all householder decisions made in the quarter were within 8 weeks, an 8% increase over the preceding quarter and 3% better than the comparative quarter of 2000.

1.7 In total, the Council can be satisfied with its performance. However, a cautionary note must be struck. These figures relate to a period when the Development Control Officer Team was at full complement. That is not the case at present, following Sharon Gray's appointment to another Authority and her replacement is not in post. It is therefore likely that the performance for the third and fourth quarters of the year will fall.

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Director Environment and Development

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Summary by Main Classes of Development

NORTH WEST GOR

Name of County area	District, Borough or City	Class of Development	Applications on hand at start and end of quarter		Applications received Number	Total decisions in Quarter Number	Applications granted in Quarter		Decisions within 8 weeks		
			Start	End			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Lancashire	Eden +	Major Developments				5	5	100	2	40	
		Minor Developments				111	99	89	52	47	
		Change of Use				12	10	83	5	42	
		Householder				78	73	94	56	72	
		Other Applications				38			19	50	
		All classes	207	200	247	244	221	92	134	55	
	South Lakeland +	Major developments				****	****	****	****	****	
		Minor developments				****	****	****	****	****	
		Change of use				****	****	****	****	****	
		Householder				****	****	****	****	****	
		Other applications				****	****	****	****	****	
		All classes	****	****	****	****	****	****	****	****	
	Burmley	Major Developments	Major Developments				4	3	75	2	50
			Minor Developments				35	30	86	26	74
			Change of Use				24	21	88	17	71
			Householder				72	71	99	65	90
			Other Applications				26			23	88
			All classes	116	131	180	161	147	92	133	83
		Chorley	Major Developments				9	9	100	2	22
Minor Developments						62	55	89	40	65	
Change of Use						4	3	75	3	75	
Householder						120	111	93	108	90	
Other Applications						13			10	77	
All classes			179	207	251	208	186	90	163	78	

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

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Cumbria	Allerdale +	Major Developments				9	9	100	4	44
		Minor Developments				81	74	91	53	65
		Change of Use				23	21	91	14	61
		Householder				97	93	96	87	90
		Other Applications				24			17	71
		All classes	163	179	264	234	217	93	175	75
	Barrow-in-Furness	Major Developments				4	3	75	0	0
		Minor Developments				31	28	90	15	48
		Change of Use				14	12	86	8	57
		Householder				65	62	95	50	77
		Other Applications				17			9	53
		All classes	101	114	145	131	116	91	82	63
	Carlisle	Major Developments				1	1	100	0	0
		Minor Developments				98	87	89	64	65
		Change of Use				24	23	96	17	71
Householder					96	95	99	93	97	
Other Applications					42			30	71	
All classes		209	229	292	261	244	93	204	78	
Copeland +	Major Developments				3	3	100	2	67	
	Minor Developments				50	46	92	33	66	
	Change of Use				15	13	87	13	87	
	Householder				45	44	98	40	89	
	Other Applications				14			10	71	
	All classes	99	109	139	127	116	94	98	77	

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