

# Carlisle City Council

Report to:-	The Chairman and members of the Development Control Committee		
Date of Meeting:-	19th April 2002	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: October-December 2001		
Report of:-	Director of Environment and Development		
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**Summary:-** The Report sets out the relevant performance statistics of the City Council's determination of planning applications for the last Quarter of 2001 as contained in the DETR's latest Statistical Release.

This shows that the Council dealt with 69% of its decisions in the Quarter within 8 weeks of receipt compared to the national average of 65%. This represents a reduction of 6% from the Council's performance for the previous Quarter and a 7% reduction compared to the same Quarter of 2000.

Members will recall that for all but the last 3 weeks of December 2002 the Development Control Section was functioning with one vacant officer post during the Quarter following the resignation of a DC Officer to take up a post with another Authority in the North-East.

That fact, coupled with revised internal arrangements in respect of the operation of the Scheme of Delegation, has led to a longer processing cycle for most applications, hence the reduced speed of performance. Consequently, Carlisle compares unfavourably in the latest statistics with those other Districts in Cumbria that have a better performance e.g. Eden DC (81%), Copeland BC (78%) and Allerdale DC (76%) and is only achieving 2% points better than Barrow BC and South Lakeland DC (both with 67%)

**Recommendation:-** That the Report be noted.

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