

## **BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FROM:** Chief Planning Control Officer

**REPORT NUMBER:** **G124**

**TO:** DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE OF MEETING:** 31 October 2007

### **PLANNING PERFORMANCE**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the number of planning applications and appeals currently being considered by the Planning Control Section and an indication of performance against Government indicators.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the information contained within this report be noted.

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None.

#### **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 None.

#### **5. KEY INFORMATION**

- 5.1 This quarterly report shows the performance of the Planning Control Service against BVPI 109: The Determination of Planning Applications and BVPI 204: Planning Appeals.

- 5.2 Current Government performance indicators require all local planning authorities to determine:

- 60% of major applications (these include residential proposals for 10 or more dwellings or 1000 square metres of commercial floor space) within a period of 13 weeks;
- 65% of minor residential and commercial applications (which include proposals for up to 9 dwellings) within a period of 8 weeks; and
- 80% of other applications (which are mainly householder and other smaller applications) within a period of 8 weeks.

- 5.3 Local planning authorities are also required to monitor the number of appeals allowed against the authority's decision to refuse planning applications, as a percentage of the total number of appeals against the refusal of planning applications. This indicator seeks to establish whether local planning authorities are refusing more applications in order to meet development control performance targets. An acceptable threshold is deemed to be 30%.

### **Applications Received and Determined**

- 5.4 Table 1 provides an overview of the number of planning applications that were on hand at the beginning of the last four quarters, the number that were received during the quarter, withdrawn, on hand at the end of the quarter, and actually determined. It also provides details of the number of applications that were determined in accordance with the scheme of delegation expressed as a percentage of all decisions.

<b>TABLE 1</b>	<b>01.10.06 to 31.12.06</b>	<b>01.01.07 to 31.03.07</b>	<b>01.04.07 to 30.06.07</b>	<b>01.07.07 To 30.09.07</b>
Number of applications on hand at beginning of quarter.	353	305	409	397
Number of applications received during quarter	355	468	411	439
Number of applications withdrawn	23	25	21	44
Number of applications on hand at end of quarter.	305	409	388	389
Number of applications determined during quarter	380	339	411	403
Percentage of delegated decisions	87.6	84.4	89.3	92.1

Source: General Development Control PS1 Return

### **Performance Against Target**

- 5.5 Table 2a shows the number of planning applications that were determined during the last four quarters in each of the three categories defined by BVPI 109. Table 2b shows how many of these planning applications were determined within the prescribed period as a percentage of all decisions within the relevant category.

<b>TABLE 2A</b>	<b>01.10.06 to 31.12.06</b>	<b>01.01.07 to 31.03.07</b>	<b>01.04.07 to 30.06.07</b>	<b>01.07.07 to 30.09.07</b>
Total number of <b>MAJOR</b> applications determined	11	6	6	15
Total number of <b>MINOR</b> applications determined	80	84	93	94
Total number of <b>OTHER</b> applications determined	283	245	305	292
Miscellaneous decisions not included above	6	4	5	2
Total number of applications determined during quarter	380	339	411	403

Source: General Development Control PS2 Return

<b>TABLE 2B</b>	<b>01.10.06 to 31.12.06</b>	<b>01.01.07 to 31.03.07</b>	<b>01.04.07 to 30.06.07</b>	<b>01.07.07 to 30.09.07</b>
Percentage of <b>MAJOR</b> applications determined on time	54.5	66.7	66.7	86.7
Percentage of <b>MINOR</b> applications determined on time	50.0	48.8	58.0	59.6
Percentage of <b>OTHER</b> applications determined on time	73.0	79.9	75.5	68.0

Source: General Development Control PS2 Return

### Planning Fees

- 5.6 Table 3 provides details of the income received from fee generating applications over the last four quarters against the projected income for the quarter.

<b>TABLE 3</b>	<b>01.10.06 to 31.12.06</b>	<b>01.01.07 to 31.03.07</b>	<b>01.04.07 to 30.06.07</b>	<b>01.07.07 to 30.09.07</b>
Number of fee applications received	307	394	364	384
Fees received	115,040	89,175	107,009	88,090
Projected fee income	106,750	106,750	103,500	103,500
Out turn	8,290	(17,575)	3,509	(15,410)

Source: Departmental Records

### Appeals

- 5.7 Table 4 provides details of the number of appeals allowed expressed as a percentage of the total number of appeals determined.

<b>TABLE 4</b>	<b>01.10.06 to 31.12.06</b>	<b>01.01.07 to 31.03.07</b>	<b>01.04.07 to 30.06.07</b>	<b>01.07.07 to 30.09.07</b>
Number of appeals allowed.	3	5	3	1
Total number of appeals determined.	11	13	9	8
Percentage of appeals allowed.	27.0	38.0	33.0	13.0

Source: Departmental Records

6. **APPENDICES**

6.1 None.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

7.1 None.

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