

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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**Monthly progress report on
performance against NI157 (BV109) targets for
determining planning applications**

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APPENDICES:	None

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with a monthly progress report on performance against national indicators (NI 157, formerly BV 109).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the report be noted**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At Full Council in May 2006 it was agreed as part of the Recovery Plan that a report on the performance against best value performance indicators (BVPI 109, now NI 157) be reported to the Planning (Development Control) Committee on a monthly basis. The first of the series of monthly reports was reported to the Planning (Development Control) Committee on 13th June 2006.

- 3.2 The national targets for determining planning applications are as follows:

NI 157 a (Major applications)	-	60% within 13 weeks.
NI 157 b (Minor applications)	-	65% within 8 weeks.
NI 157 c (other applications)	-	80% within 8 weeks.

3.3 In addition to these national targets there are Local targets set out within the Business Plan for 2008/09. These are as follows:

- Major applications - 65% within 13 weeks.
- Minor applications - 80% within 8 weeks.
- Other applications - 90% within 8 weeks.

4. PERFORMANCE

4.1 The trajectories showing annual performance to the period ending 30th September 2009 were attached to the monthly progress report at the November 2009 Committee meeting.

Major applications

4.2 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for major applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2009 and as such these figures will be subject to further change.

As previously advised, due to the continued relatively low number of new major applications that have been received over recent months, performance in this area has suffered due to the number of older, more complex, major applications which have reached final determination and which have already gone beyond 13 weeks. Whilst every effort will continue to be made to manage these applications effectively, in the absence of significant numbers of new major submissions to offset against these older applications, it is feared that performance will continue to be affected.

Quarter	No. determined	No. determined within 13 weeks	% determined within 13 weeks
1 January – 31 March 2006	8	6	75%
1 April - 30 June 2006	13	12	92.31%
1 July – 30 September 2006	8	7	87.5%
1 October – 31 December 2006	1	1	100%
1 January – 31 March 2007	4	3	75%
1 April – 30 June 2007	3	2	66.67%
1 July – 30 September 2007	5	4	80%

1 October – 31 December 2007	16	12	75%
1 January – 31 March 2008	7	6	85.71%
1 April – 30 June 2008	14	11	78.57%
1 July – 30 September 2008	10	6	60%
1 October – 31 December 2008	5	4	80%
1 January – 31 March 2009	4	4	100%
1 April – 30 June 2009	3	2	66.67%
1 July – 30 September 2009	5	2	40%
1 October – 31 December 2009 (figures taken 20 November 2009)	5	4	80%

Minor applications

- 4.3 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for minor applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2009 and, as such, these figures will be subject to further change. Performance within this category has consistently met the national targets, but after exceeding the local target during the 1st Quarter of 2009/10 it slipped back below the local target during the 2nd Quarter. This trend has continued into the 3rd Quarter, and upon close inspection, the actual number of minor applications being received has tended to tail off over recent quarters, which in turn has increased the challenge of meeting the performance targets.

Quarter	No. determined	No. determined within 8 weeks	% determined within 8 weeks
1 January – 31 March 2006	61	50	81.97%
1 April - 30 June 2006	54	48	88.89%
1 July – 30 September 2006	51	45	88.24%
1 October – 31 December 2006	56	48	87.51%

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1 January – 31 March 2007	47	37	78.72%
1 April – 30 June 2007	62	47	75.81%
1 July – 30 September 2007	68	55	80.88%
1 October – 31 December 2007	51	41	80.39%
1 January – 31 March 2008	68	60	88.24%
1 April – 30 June 2008	69	52	75.36%
1 July – 30 September 2008	57	43	75.44% (as corrected)
1 October – 31 December 2008	55	42	76.36%
1 January – 31 March 2009	41	31	75.61%
1 April – 30 June 2009	56	47	83.93%
1 July – 30 September 2009	40	31	77.50%
1 October – 31 December 2009 (figures taken 20 November 2009)	31	21	67.74%

Other applications

- 4.4 The following table shows the quarterly performance figures for other applications for the period from 1st January 2006 to 30th September 2009. It also shows the performance to date within the 3rd Quarter of 2009/10 although the relevant period does not end until 31st December 2009 and, as such, these figures will be subject to further change. The figures for the last full quarter show a fall in performance in this area compared with previous quarters.

Quarter	No. determined	No. determined within 8 weeks	% determined within 8 weeks
1 January – 31 March 2006	171	165	96.49%
1 April - 30 June 2006	234	217	92.74%[
1 July – 30 September 2006	186	179	96.24%

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1 October – 31 December 2006	175	164	93.71%
1 January – 31 March 2007	159	139	87.42% (as corrected)
1 April – 30 June 2007	195	170	87.18%
1 July – 30 September 2007	197	171	86.80%
1 October – 31 December 2007	199	174	87.44%
1 January – 31 March 2008	172	142	82.56%
1 April – 30 June 2008	185	170	91.89%
1 July – 30 September 2008	162	144	88.89%
1 October – 31 December 2008	113	100	88.5%
1 January – 31 March 2009	99	89	89.9%
1 April – 30 June 2009	129	114	88.37%
1 July – 30 September 2009	135	115	85.19%
1 October – 31 December 2009 (figures taken 20 November 2009)	59	53	89.93%

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. **LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no legal or policy implications.

7. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 There are risk management issues if performance continues to fail to meet the national targets.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Members are advised of continued concerns in respect of the performance against major applications targets, both within the current and future quarters, due to the low number of new major applications being received which would offset the older, more complex, major applications which are nearing determination. Similarly, performance against minor applications has suffered, and every effort is being made, insofar as is possible, to manage new applications effectively to ensure that performance in this area shows an improvement during the current quarter. The Council has no control over the number and timing of applications being submitted for determination, but undoubtedly the current economic downturn is having an impact upon the number of new applications, in all categories, which have been received over recent months.

9. CONSULTEES

- 9.1 None

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Report on Recovery Plan (Full Council) – May 2006
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee June 2006
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee July 2006
- DCLG : Planning Performance Statistics – Planning (DC) Committee August 2006
- Monthly progress report – Planning (DC) Committee September 2006
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