

PART A

Report to	Development Management Committee
Date of meeting	10 December 2015
Report by	Interim Development Management Section Head
For Information	Planning: Development Management Review of Performance 1 April to 13 November 2015

SUMMARY

1. This report provides information on the performance of Development Management with regard to the number of planning applications determined and appeals decided between 1 April 2015 and 13 November 2015. The April to June 2015 quarter performance indicators are also provided.
2. The quarterly performance reports are published on the Department of Communities and Local Government website. The latest quarter is April to June 2015. The performance figures for Watford are provided in the table below. All three targets are being exceeded, with the majority of applications being approved, which indicates that planning officers are working with applicants and agents in a positive manner and are performing well. Both time and approvals are now monitored by the DCLG to identify poor performing Councils.

Type	Target	% achieved	Total number	% Approved
Majors	60%	100%	6	83%
Minors	65%	90%	49	78%
Others	85%	94%	148	78%

3. The table below shows how many applications were determined in the period by each type of decision. It is evident from the table that the majority of applications are determined under delegated authority which allows applications to be determined faster than applications that are reported to Committee.

Decisions Made 01/04/15 – 13/11/15

	Decision Type	Total
1	Committee Decision	17
2	Called in by Secretary of State	1
3	Delegated Decisions	917
4	Department of The Environment	2
5	Withdrawn	35

4. The table below provides details of the appeal decisions on planning applications. The majority of applications are dismissed at appeal, which is a good indication that planning officers are applying the relevant policies appropriately. The appeal performance of 26% upheld appeals is very good as the historical national target was 35% of upheld appeals. The other positive element of appeal performance is that none of the appeals were for non-determination, which indicates that planning officers have a good working dialogue with agents who submit planning applications.

Appeal Decisions Received within 01/04/15 to 13/11/15

	Application Number	Decision Type	Appeal Decision
1	14/00649/FULH	Delegated	Dismissed
2	14/01272/FUL	Delegated	Dismissed
3	14/01709/FULH	Delegated	Dismissed
4	14/01360/FUL	Delegated	Dismissed
5	14/01250/FUL	Delegated	Allowed
6	14/00842/FUL	Delegated	Dismissed
7	14/00942/FUL	Delegated	Dismissed
8	14/01038/FUL	Delegated	Dismissed
9	14/01455/ADV	Delegated	Allowed
10	15/00377/FULH	Delegated	Allowed
11	14/01849/FULH	Delegated	Dismissed
12	15/00377/FULH	Delegated	Dismissed
13	14/01301/FULH	Delegated	Dismissed
14	14/01057/FUL	Delegated	Dismissed
15	14/00583/LDC	Delegated	Dismissed
16	14/00113/OUT	Delegated	Dismissed
17	14/01773/FUL	Delegated	Allowed
18	15/00644/ADV	Delegated	Allowed
19	15/00350/FULH	Delegated	Dismissed

Recommendation: That the Committee note the performance of Development Management Planning.

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