

Development Control Committee

Report Title:	Development Management: Performance Monitoring Performance figures for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 Appendix A: Figures for the 12-month period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016
Meeting Date:	19 July 2016
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Brief summary of report

1. This report sets out performance figures for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 for:
 - a) National Indicators, Local Performance Indicators and performance against Development Control Charter standards.
 - b) Statistics on numbers of applications of various types determined within various time periods.
2. The indicators and targets were agreed by the Committee in May 2006 (Paper DC06/21) and reaffirmed by Committee in March 2008 (Agenda Item 14). The performance of the County Council is reported annually to members.
3. The figures do not relate to applications for discharge of conditions (Article 27 or applications for non-material changes).
4. This is an improved performance on the previous year.

Action recommended

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| 5. That the contents of this report are noted. |
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Reason for recommendation

6. To note performance against the agreed indicators and targets for the relevant period.

Alternative options

7. None.

Main body of report

Introduction

8. This report consists of performance information for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 in relation to:
 - a) National Indicators (NIs) and Local Performance Indicators (LPis).
 - b) The standards contained within the County Council's "Development Control Charter".
9. It also includes statistics about numbers of applications of various types determined within various periods.
10. In 2014/15 the Development Section of Suffolk County Council processed 107 planning applications (239 when Article 27, non-material applications, screening and scoping applications are also included) of which 24 were Committee decisions. This compares with 111 applications in 2014/15 (247 in total) including 24 Committee decisions, and 128 applications in 2013/14 (295 in total) including 17 Committee decisions.
11. The figures for the year are set out in Appendix A: Table 1: NI, LPI and Charter Standards attached to this report. The key issues are summarised below.

Minerals and Waste

NI 157: The number of Minerals & Waste applications determined within 13 weeks (note Indicator excludes applications subject to Environmental Impact Assessment)

12. The performance against this indicator, 80%, is above the government target of 60%. This is the same as for the target in 2014/15, however this does relate to a small number of applications and as a result, the figure tends to be volatile.

County Council Development LP1 and LP1 a)

13. Performance for County Council Development applications is split into "minor" applications for which the time period is eight weeks and "major" applications for which the relevant time period for determination is 13 weeks. For both, the target is set by the County Council at 60% within the relevant period.
14. The figure for these categories are as follows;
 - a) Minor applications 83%
 - b) Major applications 0%
15. The performance is above the target figure for minor applications, which is set at 60%.
16. Only one major CCD application was determined in 2014/15 (Sybil Andrews Academy formally Moreton Hall Secondary). This was not determined within the 13 weeks due to the application being considered by the Development Control Committee. This figure tends to be volatile due to the small number of applications dealt with.

Average Time Taken and Percentage Determined within 16 Weeks for all applications

17. At 7.74 weeks this is an improvement on 2014/15. The percentage of applications approved within a 16 week period was above the 80% target set by the County Council at 92.5%. The type and nature of applications has significant bearing on these figures, for example the last year has seen fewer application requiring Memorandum of Understanding to be completed, which in the past has added to the time necessary to finalise a permission.

Charter Standards (Set by the County Council)

18. Charter Standards 1, 3, and 5 exceeded the 90% target.
19. Charter Standard 2 which measures the percentage of applications where neighbour and site notifications have been carried out within ten working days has not been achieved. However, there has been an improvement over the 2014/15 figures.

Sources of further information

- a) Information on the individual case files.
<http://atrium.suffolkcc.gov.uk/ePlanning/>

Development Control Performance Monitoring

Table 1: Performance against National Indicators, Local Performance Indicators and Development Control Charter Standards for period 01 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 and 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Indicator Code	Indicator	Target	Performance 2013/14	Performance 2014/15	Performance 2015/16	
NI 157	Number of M&W applications determined within 13 weeks (excluding EIA applications)	60% within 13 weeks	68%	81%	80%	
LP 1	Number of "minor" CCD applications determined within eight weeks (excluding EIA applications)	60% within 8 weeks	67%	50.00%	83%	
LP1a)	Number of "major" CCD applications determined within thirteen weeks (excluding EIA applications)	60% within 13 weeks	75%	0	0	
LP 2	Average time taken to determine all applications	12 weeks	9.74 Weeks	14.8 Weeks	7.74 weeks	
LP 3	Percentage of applications determined within 16 weeks	80%	78%	72%	92.5%	
Charter 1	Percentage of applications acknowledged within five working days of receipt of application. (Note this relates to formal validation of	90%	97%	95%	98%	

Indicator Code	Indicator	Target	Performance 2013/14	Performance 2014/15	Performance 2015/16	
	application not simple receipt of application)					
Charter 2	Percentage of applications where a) neighbour notification (where applicable) and b) site notification has been carried out within 10 working days of receipt of application	90%	a) 94% b) 90%	a) 83% b) 88%	a) 86.7% b) 89.7%	
Charter 3	Percentage of letters of representation acknowledged within five working days	90%	98%	96%	98.9%	
Charter 4	Percentage of representees informed of outcome of application post decision within 10 working days	90%	100%	100%	100%	
Charter 5	Percentage of decision notices issued within 10 working days (delegated and committee decisions)	90%	90%	88%	97%	

Note a) NI 157, LP 1, LP 2 & LP3 exclude applications for Listed Building Consent and Conservation Area Consent as the Secretary of State determines them.

b) NI 157 excludes applications accompanied by an Environmental Statement as the period for determination is 16 weeks.

Table 2: Numbers of applications determined within specified periods by broad category of application during period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 and 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 and 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

Type of application	Time taken to determine											
	Under 8 weeks 2013/14	Under 8 weeks 2014/15	Under 8 weeks 2015/16	Within 8 to 13 weeks 2013/14	Within 8 to 13 weeks 2014/15	Within 8 to 13 weeks 2015/16	Within 13 to 17 weeks 2013/14	Within 13 to 17 weeks 2014/15	Within 13 to 17 weeks 2015/16	Over 17 weeks 2013/14	Over 17 weeks 2014/15	Over 17 weeks 2015/16
Major development												
Minerals & Waste	6	14	8	8	11	14	1	5	4	1	6	5
Other major	0	2	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	4	1	0
Minor development												
Other minor developments	36	50	63	11	7	7	3	12	1	5	6	4
TOTALS	42	66	72	22	18	21	8	17	5	10	13	9

Table 3: Numbers of applications on hand at end of period (i.e. 31 March YY) within specified periods by broad category of application.

Type of application	Time taken to determine											
	Under 8 weeks 2013/14	Under 8 weeks 2014/15	Under 8 weeks 2015/16	Within 8 to 13 weeks 2013/14	Within 8 to 13 weeks 2014/15	Within 8 to 13 weeks 2015/16	Within 13 to 17 weeks 2013/14	Within 13 to 17 weeks 2014/15	Within 13 to 17 weeks 2015/16	Over 17 weeks 2013/14	Over 17 weeks 2014/15	Over 17 weeks 2015/16
Major development												
Minerals & Waste	3	8	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Other major	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Minor development												
Other minor developments	9	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
TOTALS	12	13	5	1	2	1	0	0	1	7	1	0

Table 4: Details of applications on hand after 13 weeks at end of period i.e. at 31 March 2016.

Parish	Registration Number	Description of development	Date registered	Date considered by Committee	Reason for non-determination.
Minerals & Waste					
Homersfield	W/15/5183/CC	Extension to Flixton Quarry to allow extraction of 856,000 Tonnes of sand and gravel from land known as Homersfield, Retention of access, concrete plant and aggregate processing and phased details of plant site extraction with restoration to agriculture and wet land conservation.	16/12/15	In absence	Awaiting additional ecological information
County Council Development					