

Subject: BVPI 109 (a, b and c)

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Report to: Development Control Committee

Date: 10th April 2007

Report of: The Head of Planning, Legal and Democratic Services

Portfolio

Holder: Regeneration

Key Decision:

NO

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Committee members with an update of the position with regard to the years performance against BVPI 109 a, b and c. As part of the Council's improvements to the Development Control Service, the Council's Head of Planning, Legal and Democratic Services agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Spatial Development that it would be useful for members to be made aware of performance figures for the financial year.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The monitoring and management of the determination of planning applications will contribute to the achievement of several of the Corporate Priorities. In particular the delivery of quality services to our customers, keeping the Borough clean and green and assisting in regeneration.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

All the issues raised and the recommendations in this report involve risk considerations. By not performing against these BVPIs the Council may not meet the expectations of its customers and this would have an impact on planning delivery grant. (PDG)

4. PERFORMANCE FIGURES / BVPI

- 4.1 BVPI 109 a (major applications). The team set itself a target of determining 60 % of all major planning applications in 13 weeks (period April 06 to March 2007). The team achieved a determination figure of 58.3 % which compares favourably to the outturn figure for the previous year of 34.78 %.
- 4.2 BVPI 109b (minor applications). The team set itself a target of determining 65% of all minor applications in 8 weeks (period April 06 to March 2007). The team achieved a determination figure of 78 % compared to 73.87% for the previous year.
- 4.3 BVPI 109 c (other applications). A target of 80% was set for all (other applications) being determined in 8 weeks. The team achieved a determination figure of 91% compared to 91.45% the previous year.
- 4.4 Clearer procedures have been introduced to deal with the processing of s106 agreements. This will assist in the future processing of applications. The introduction by the Senior Planning Officer multi disciplinary approach to major applications and clear pre application procedures will also assist future determination of major applications. This will be our area of focus over the next year and is supported by a team improvement plan which is monitored by the Deputy Chief Executive and Portfolio holder.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 No financial implications.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 6.1 With the introduction of clearer performance management systems within Development Control closer monitoring of performance has achieved positive results. The performance has been good despite the determination of some old applications. From April 2007 we will continue to determine older applications which will have an impact on the BVPI figure for majors. It is necessary for development Control to deal with some of the older applications in order to improve. We will seek to determine most of the old applications early in the new financial year.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7.1 No human resources implications

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The report details the enforcement action taken

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 Members are recommended to note the Report

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 None

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Background Papers	
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N/A	Futures Park, Bacup