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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 2002</b>	<b>ITEM:</b>	
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS'</b>			
<b>CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>ADRIAN KIRKHAM (EXT. 5743)</b>	<b>DOC:</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2001 (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER)</b>	<b>REF:</b>	<b>AK</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>		

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## **1.0 Recommendation**

1.1 That the report be noted.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report.**

2.1 To advise members of the receipt of statistics regarding the speed of decision making on planning applications made to the Council and to illustrate these against those of other authorities in Derbyshire, neighbouring authorities and authorities in this Council's nearest neighbour comparative group of authorities.

## **3.0 Detail**

3.1 Statistics have recently been released by government setting out the speed of decision making of Local Planning Authorities in England for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001.

3.2 In the quarter to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 the figures show that nationally 65% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. This shows a change on the corresponding quarter in 2000 of +3%. However, only 42 authorities surpassed the target set by the government of deciding 80% of planning applications in 8 weeks.

3.3 South Derbyshire determined 72 % of applications in eight weeks in that period. This was the third highest in Derbyshire for the quarter (behind Bolsover and Derbyshire Dales) and fourth in the C.I.P.F.A group (behind Melton, Rochford and Forest of Dean).

3.4 In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 the figures show that nationally 64% of all planning applications were determined within eight weeks. South Derbyshire determined 74% of its applications in eight weeks that period. This was the joint second highest in Derbyshire (behind Derbyshire Dales and equal with Amber Valley) and fourth in the C.I.P.F.A. group again behind Melton, Rochford and Forest of Dean.

3.5 The results for South Derbyshire, other neighbouring authorities and the council's nearest neighbours are shown in the table attached at Table A.

## **4.0 Background Papers**

5.1 DETR Information Bulletin PA-Q4 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2002.

