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SUBJECT:	DEVELOPMENT CONTROL STATISTICS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2004/05 (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2004)	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: DC01

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. (The results for South Derbyshire, other neighbouring authorities and the council's nearest neighbours are shown in the table attached at Table A.) Information is also included regarding performance against local targets set out in the Council's Development Control Charter (Table B).

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 30 September 2004.

3.2 In the quarter to 30 September 2004 the figures show that nationally the number of authorities meeting the target performance standard compared with the same quarter a year ago, represents a 21 percentage point improvement on major applications, a 22 percentage point improvement on minor applications and a 19 percentage point improvement on other applications.

3.3 The national targets against which each authority is judged are: major applications determined in 13 weeks – 60%; minor applications determined in 8 weeks – 65%; other applications (mostly householder applications) determined in 8 weeks – 80%. As can be seen from Table A, all authorities are performing to a high standard. In the year to the end of September, in terms of performance in determining major applications, South Derbyshire came 4th out of the 9 Derbyshire authorities and 7th out of the 14 CIPFA group authorities. For minor applications the authority came 3rd in Derbyshire and 6th in the CIPFA group. For other applications the authority came 3rd in Derbyshire and 5th in the CIPFA group.

3.4 South Derbyshire's Performance during that period was better both adjoining authorities in all categories.

4.0 **Background Papers:** Statistical Release Information Bulletin PA-Q3 ODPM.