

<b>PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 6</b>
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## PLANNING APPEALS REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
<b>FROM: Head of Planning Services</b>	<b>Deadline date: N/A</b>
The Committee are asked to note the following report.	

### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Committee for information, to keep members up to date with current performance and quality control in respect of appeals and decisions.

### 2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 Appeals performance is a measure of quality of decision.
- 2.2 The more appeals that are allowed by the Planning Inspectorate, the more one is led to a conclusion that we are refusing permission too readily. The more appeals that are dismissed, the more one could draw the conclusion that we are not as rigorous as we might be.

In the past, successive governments have provided a target of 75% for 'dismissals'. That target has been scrapped. Now, as a general rule, where one is looking to encourage development, towards 80% is a figure that would reflect both a positive approach to development and at the same time secure development that is of quality.

From the next meeting, members will be appraised of appeal performance on a regular basis, with, where appropriate, a short explanation of determining issues.

As background however, it is felt appropriate to set out below the current 'performance' from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Appeals Determined	38
Appeals Allowed	8
Appeals Dismissed or withdrawn	30
<b>Appeals Dismissed or withdrawn as a percentage of total</b>	<b>79%</b>

2.3 For information only, but part of the monitoring process.

**3. TIMESCALE**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>
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**4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 Consultation is unnecessary with this report.

**5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

5.1 Regular updates on appeals performance, with analysis of decision where appropriate.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None at present.

**7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

7.1 The report has been prepared using information from the UNIFORM database. (UNIFORM is the computer programme used within Planning Delivery to manage building control, planning and enforcement cases)