

**TO: PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2 NOVEMBER 2005**

**SUBJECT: APPEAL PERFORMANCE AND TRENDS APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2005**

**FROM: PLANNING AND ENGINEERING**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update members of appeal trends and performance over the first six months of 2005 ie April 1 –September 30th

**2. BACKGROUND**

Appeal performance is now included as a national Best Value indicator – BV 204 which relates to performance on section 78 appeals against refusals of planning permission. The government has stated that PDG award may be abated in the event of unusually high numbers of appeal being allowed against refusals of permission,

Due to the period of sickness of the Principal Planning Officer (Appeals and Enforcement), neither quarterly reports on appeal performance and trends nor key issue reports on each appeal decision received have been able to be prepared for committee over the last six months.

This report lists the appeals received as from April 2005, together with tables of all appeals dismissed and all appeals allowed. The allowed/dismissed tables include whether the refusal was officer delegated – O, officer recommendation to committee – O/M, or a members decision – M where the decision was against recommendation.

**3. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK**

Appeal performance overall is good with more than 2/3 of all appeals dismissed over the six month period. The incoming number of appeals remains at a high level with 53 appeals received over the six month period.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

That the contents of the report be noted.

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