

BUSINESS PLAN MONITORING STATEMENT FOR THE PLANNING SERVICES UNIT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL - 31 JULY 2005

1. KEY MESSAGES

Headline performance on the Development Control targets is good with all exceeded.

The sickness absence of the Development Control Manager may affect our future performance on major planning applications and on the speed of implementation of service developments.

Progress on the new Local Development Frameworks is excellent with current milestones all met.

Building Control is very busy because of a long-term sickness absence and progress on the potential partnership with Preston and South Ribble Councils is slow

	CURRENT POSITION	FORECAST OUTTURN
Number of green KPI's	3	3
Number of blue KPI's	1	3
Number of red KPI's	0	0
Number of KPI's not yet measured	2	0

2. BUDGET UPDATE

The additional Planning Delivery Grant obtained for 2005/6 and the matching expenditure have been brought into the budget.

Income is slightly up on forecast (+£23k).

3. SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

The expansion of GIS is awaiting the appointment to two vacant posts including a new GIS Officer agreed for 2005/6.

A project to implement on-line submission of planning applications is underway. Progress on enhancements to the development control service awaits the return of the Development Control Manager.

4. PERFORMANCE AGAINST UNIT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator Description	Performance 2004/05	Target 2005/06	Performance at 31/7/05	Comments
109a (% of major planning applications decided in less than 13 weeks)	60	60	87	109a performance will reduce as old decisions come through the system
109b (% of minor planning applications decided in less than 8 weeks)	65	65	70	
109c (% of other applications decided in less than 8 weeks)	80	80	89	
200a/b (An up to date development plan or new LDS milestones met)	YES	YES	YES	
BC4 (Building Plans determined by statutory targets)	100	100	95	

5. CONCLUSION

Good performance progress but achieving service developments is the key issue.

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