

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Planning Committee: 2 August 2006

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**Subject: Development Management – Statement of Planning Applications Determined – 1 October 2005 to 31 March 2006.**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To inform the Committee of the Council's performance with regard to the determination of planning applications.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1** The Council is required to report the number of planning applications determined over each six month period to the Scottish Executive. The periods are 1 April to 30 September and 1 October to 31 April. These figures are used to measure the performance of West Dunbartonshire Council against all other Scottish authorities and are assessed against the Performance Indicators set out in Scottish Planning Policy 1 – The Planning System (SPP1) – Performance Targets – Planning applications.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** This report sets out the performance of West Dunbartonshire for the period 1 October 2005 to 31 March 2006 in accordance with statutory indicators.
- 3.2** The Council determined 229 planning applications within this six month period, 177 were dealt with in less than the statutory 2 month target (77%). This is slightly below the Scottish Executive's expected target of 80%, but substantially above the last published Scottish local planning authorities' average (64% - October 2003 to September 2004) and demonstrates a sustained improvement in performance. The Council determined 110 Householder planning applications with 103 of these being within the 2 month target (93%). This level of performance is above the national target of 90%.
- 3.3** This maintains the highest level of overall performance for West Dunbartonshire since 1998 with an increase in the number of planning applications processed.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications.

#### **5. Personnel Issues**

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

#### **6. Conclusion**

6.1 Performance with respect to the processing of planning applications continues to improve despite an increase in the number of planning applications received and the increased complexity associated with the major development proposals currently in progress.

#### **7. Recommendation**

7.1 **The Committee is invited to note the content of this report.**

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**Wards Affected:** All

**Appendix:** Nil

**Background Papers:** None

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