

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

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### REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY HEAD OF PLANNING

#### A.2 PLANNING APPEALS QUARTERLY REPORT

This report has been compiled to inform the Committee of appeals performance from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The performance in the last six months is compared to the performance in the last 2 years.

<b>All appeals</b>	1.4.09 to 31.3.10	1.4.10 to 31.3.11	1.4.11 to 30.9.11
Allowed	19 31.67%	22 34.38%	10 40%
Dismissed	41 68.33%	39 60.94%	15 60%
Split Decisions	0	3 4.68%	0
<b>Committee Decisions</b>			
Allowed	7 50%	7 58.33%	0
Dismissed	7 50%	5 41.67%	1 100%

The Council's target on appeal performance is for allowed appeals not to exceed 35%. In past years this has been achieved. In the April to September 2011 period it was marginally exceeded. However, a 6 month period will show some discrepancies, when the statistic is an annual measurement.

To put these statistics in context the Government used to have a best value indicator for appeal performance. The indicator was that allowed appeals should not exceed 40%. As the statistics show the Council's overall appeal performance is in line with that national indicator.

Officers do detect that Inspectors seem more likely to allow appeals and the emerging National Planning Policy Framework is likely to increase this trend. As a consequence under delegated powers your officers are now moving to approval of some applications that would have been refused in the past. It will take some time for this change in approach to be reflected in appeal decisions.

#### Background Papers

None, other than published works