



Report to Cabinet

Subject: Development Control Performance

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Members will recall that the Council was designated a Standards Authority for the 2005/06 financial year in November 2004 because performance on processing minor applications to the year ending June 2004 was below the ODPM's performance thresholds.

Whilst performance has been above the National targets in all categories of application for the last four quarters, we remain a Standards Authority until the end of the financial year. As such we are to receive a further visit from consultants acting on behalf of the ODPM's office to determine if further action is needed to support improvement.

Apparently, regard will be given to the authority's progress towards the specific performance standards that have been set. (As already stated we have for the past year been exceeding not only the standards set for Standard Authorities, but the National targets!)

We are informed that present trends indicate that it is unlikely the authority will be named as a potential Standards Authority for 2006/07.

In further correspondence from the ODPM's office we are informed that the ODPM trust that the engagement by their consultants will be a light touch.