

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet **Date:** 2 November 2010
Subject: Operational Planning & Transport Portfolio
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Syd Stavrou **Item:** 6(h)

Recommending:

That the report of the Operational Planning & Transport Portfolio Holder be noted.

Operational Planning

Determination of planning applications within specified periods

I thought members might appreciate an update on how we are performing against National Indicator targets after the second quarter of this year. For NI 157A, major category planning applications within 13 week turnaround time, we have achieved a performance of 92.86% against a target of 81%. For NI 157B, minor category planning applications within 8 week turnaround time, we have managed to improve on our previous quarter's performance achieving 83.33% against a target of 80%. We are still slightly behind on NI 157C, "other" category planning applications within 8 weeks, but overall a total of 630 out of 681 applications have been decided in time. Our figures are 92.51% against a target of 94%, but this category includes householder applications and comprises the highest in terms of number of applications received.

Appeals against planning application refusals which have been allowed

Against a year-end target of 28% we have achieved, at the end of the 2nd quarter, a credible performance of 28.1%. Out of 32 appeals for the first 2 quarters only 9 have been allowed. Committee reversals, where Members overturn officer recommendations, account for 5 of the 9 allowed. It should be noted that committee reversals will continue to affect this percentage figure and should be borne in mind when judging our performance against this particular target.

Transport and Highways

Epping, Buckhurst Hill and Loughton Parking Reviews

On Monday 25th October, Cabinet agreed to recommence the above parking reviews. A verbal update will be given at Full Council.