

## ***Report to the Council***

**Subject: Planning and Economic Development  
Portfolio**

**Date: 28th June 2007**

**Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs A Grigg**

**Item: 7 (i)**

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### **Recommending:**

**That the report of the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder be noted.**

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### **Development Control Performance - March to May 2007**

Development Control performance exceeded the BVPI targets in all three categories of planning applications.

#### Major Applications

Performance during this quarter saw 89% of applications decided within the 13 week timescale compared with the target of 60%.

#### Minor Applications

Performance during this quarter saw 74% of applications determined within the 8 week target period compared with the BVPI target of 65%.

#### Other Applications

Performance during this quarter saw 90% of applications decided within the 8 week timescale compared with the target of 80%.

### **Loughton Town Centre Enhancement Scheme**

The snagging list has been received from Essex County Council. This needs to be resolved before Essex County Council will accept the handover. Due to Officer illness this process has slowed. The scheme is currently within budget insofar as the works are concerned. However, final costs are awaited from consultants and Essex County Council.

It has not yet been possible to fully resolve land ownership issues so as to enable the

planting of additional trees into the scheme. Discussions will continue with the County in order to determine ownership and whether the land can be construed as public highway.

### **The Broadway Loughton Enhancement Scheme**

The letter to Transco regarding the gas main has been sent and a reply is awaited. Essex County Council has agreed the revised scheme in principle but the scheme will need a complete technical appraisal and consent. This may result in the start being delayed until Spring 2008 but we are pressing Essex County Council to give the scheme priority.