

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 09 MAY 2000**

**STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION AND BUILDING CONTROL**

**01 OCTOBER 1999 – 31 MARCH 2000**

**Report by Director of Development Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee a statistical analysis of the Development Promotion and Building Control functions.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

2.1 Annex 1 to this report gives a breakdown of the number of “Householder” and “All” applications determined by Development Promotion over the past four 6-monthly periods for which statistical information has been sought by the Scottish Executive. The figures draw upon the “Statement of Planning Applications Determined” which is submitted bi-annually to the Scottish Executive.

2.2 Annex 2 of the Report represents the same four 6-monthly period’s details of the enforcement activity undertaken by the Development Promotion Section.

2.3 Annex 3 of the Report considers the processing of Building Warrants and Completion Certificates for the same periods as determined on a delegated basis by the Head of Planning and Building Control.

**3. COMMENTARY**

**Planning**

3.1 The figures for the most recent 6 month period to the 31 March 2000 are expressed in terms of “months” rather than “weeks” as had previously been the case, to tie in with the terminology now in use by the Scottish Executive and the Accounts Commission. Members should also be aware that for five of the six months covered by the most recent figures, the Kilmarnock Office has been operating without two Senior Planning Officers; those posts now having been advertised and shortly to be subject to interview/internal transfer.

3.2 Despite the above, the figures detail a level of performance exceeding in terms of speed, that of two of the three preceding 6 monthly periods. It is anticipated that upon filling of these posts, their direct supervisory role and their application processing functions will together return the figures to the higher levels previously experienced . The absence of these posts has blunted to a degree the overall effect of the 4 week Local Planning Committee cycle however it is still possible to draw encouragement from the fact that in excess of 50% of Local Planning Committee items are now being determined inside the statutory 2 month period.

### **Enforcement**

3.3 The number of cases being taken up has dropped somewhat over the winter period caused by the most recent figures reflecting, as previously, the reduced level of building activity at this time of the year. The number of cases resulting in an enforcement notice is again in the double figures but not at the level of the proceeding period, reflecting both the ongoing commitment to negotiation and the reduced overall number of cases taken up.

### **Building Control**

3.4 There has been a slight decrease in performance in dealing with building warrants since the previous analysis despite the number of warrants received also decreasing. This has occurred due to a 43% increase in the number of completion certificates and undertaking 250 millennium inspections for the Licensing Board which has coincided with 2 Officers being absent (1 long term illness, 1 secondment) at the same time.

## **4. RECOMMENDATION**

**4.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.**

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3 May 2000 (DVM/RG/SA)

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**ANNEX 1**

**Development Promotion**

	April 1998 – September 1998	October 1998 - March 1999	April 1999 - September 1999		October 1999 - March 2000
% of Householder applications determined in the following timescale				% of Householder applications determined. NOTE: Periods modified as per national requirements	
Less than 8 weeks 9 - 12 weeks > 12 weeks	74.5% 19.3% 6.2%	73% 10% 16%	90% 5.3% 4.7%	Up to 1 month 1 to 2 months 2 to 3 months > 3 months	42% 40% 10% 8%
% of all applications determined in the following timescale				% of all applications determined. NOTE: Periods modified as per national requirements	
Less than 8 weeks 9 - 12 weeks > 12 weeks	60.5% 20.1% 19.4%	57% 13% 28%	69.2% 10.7% 20.1%	Up to 1 month 1 to 2 months 2 to 3 months > 3 months	25% 39% 15% 21%
% of all applications to Committee				% of all applications to Committee	
Development Services: and determined in less than 8 weeks	3.0% 7.1%	4.5% 5.51%	1.09% 0%	Development Services: and determined in less than 2 months	1.13% 0%
LP Committee: and determined in less than 8 weeks	22.1% 13.7%	27% 30%	21.7% 16%	L.P. Committee: and determined in less than 2 months	11.02% 51%

## ANNEX 2

### Enforcement

	October 1999 - March 2000	April 1999 - September 1999	October 1998 - March 1999	April 1998 - September 1998
• Householder cases taken up	37	73	33	34
• Notices served	6	5	0	2
• All cases taken up	116	186	129	210
• Notices Served	11	19	5	10



### ANNEX 3

### BUILDING CONTROL

	01 April 1998 – 30 September 1998	01 October 1998 – 31 March 1998	01 April 1999 – 20 September 1999	01 October 1999 – 31 March 2000
No. of Building Warrant Applications received	599	598	568	472
No. of Decisions reached	506	506	614	469
No. of Decisions in 8 weeks	390	365	493	356
Percentage (%)	77	72	80.3	76
No. of Completion Certificates issued	400	410	514	736

**AGENDA**