

COMMITTED TO QUALITY – THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE APPROACH TO BEST VALUE

Service Plans 2001 – 2002

Name of Service Plan Area **Minerals and Development Control** Service Plan Ref: **ES3**

Part 1 Description of Service

Purpose of service

To provide for the orderly development of land for mineral working and waste related activities and the County Council's own service needs with the minimum of environmental conflict and to provide an advisory archaeological service.

What are the statutory parameters that regulate how the service operates?

The main areas of the services are set out below:

Functions a, b, d, f, h, j and l are all either statutory obligations or powers provided by the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act or the statutory instruments and orders flowing thereof.

Function n is required by the Transport and Works Act 1992.

Functions c, e, g, i and m reflect Government advice.

- a Process and determine County Council and County Matter planning applications
- b Inspect Minerals and Waste Disposal sites, investigate complaints, deal with unauthorised minerals and waste disposal developments and carry out enforcement procedures as necessary
- c Attend and service site liaison committees
- d Respond to formal consultations from District Councils, Central Government and other authorities
- e Advise County Council departments, private developers and the general public on development control matters
- f Process written representation appeals and appear and give evidence at public inquiries and in court
- g Provide Professional Advice to the Development Control Sub-Committee
- h Produce, monitor and review the Minerals and Waste Local Plans
- i Contribute to regional waste and minerals fora and help formulate new initiatives
- j Respond to consultations on Minerals and Waste Local Plans, and relevant sections of Structure Plans prepared by other Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities
- k Respond to Forestry Authority consultations on applications for assistance under the Woodland Grant scheme
- l Review of old mineral working permissions
- m Maintain the Archaeological Sites and Monuments Record, facilitate public inspection of the record and provide archaeological planning advice to the public, developers and planning authorities
- n Respond to consultations on Transport and Works Act application

Chairman of Policy & Resources 2001/02 Policy Steer(s) relevant to the service

Council must live within its means
All managers deliver 2% efficiencies
No specific steers for this services

Resource Summary	2001-02
Budget £m	£366,718

Volume of service (2001/02)

Number of customers/users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of Buckinghamshire and the rest of the general public • Minerals and waste disposal companies, their agents and advisors • County Council service departments and establishments (eg schools) • County Council Members and Committees, Panels, etc • District Councils • Central Government and government agencies • Other developers and their agents • Students and researchers • Regional planning bodies - South East Regional Plan (SERPLAN) • Minerals planning bodies - South East Regional Aggregates Working Party (SERAWP)
Number of staff (FTE)	(11.8 FTE) 11 Full Time, 1 Part Time

Part 2 Performance of Service

Current performance (in relation to 2000-01 Service Plan outcomes and targets)

THREE YEAR OUTCOME	MEASURE OR INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE 2000/01	TARGET 2001/02	TARGET 2003/04
1. Minerals are worked and waste is managed in and by the most appropriate locations and means balancing the demands of society and the industry with the environmental impact 7(f), 10(f)	Progress towards adopting a joint minerals and waste local plan for the county.	Start work on plan preparation.	Informal consultation Jan 2002.	Adopted plan by June 2004.
	Land bank of permitted sand and gravel sites	Land bank of at least 8.4m tonnes	Land bank of at least 8.4m tonnes at end of 2001	Land bank of at least 7.21m tonnes
2. County Matter Planning applications will be determined in an efficient and effective manner 3(b)	Number of departures from the Development Plan Approved (BVPI 108)	20%	<20%	<20%
	Percentage of applications determined in 8 weeks (BVPI 109)	20%	>25%	>25%

THREE YEAR OUTCOME	MEASURE OR INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE 2000/01	TARGET 2001/02	TARGET 2003/04
	Average time taken to determine County Matter Applications (BVPI 110)	13 weeks	15 weeks	15 weeks
	%age of applicants satisfied with the service (BVPI 111)	N/A	75	80
	Score against best planning practice (BVPI 112)	4/9	5/9	5/9
3. County Council planning applications will be determined in an efficient manner 3(b)	Percentage of applications determined in 8 weeks	50	55	60
4. Applications processed in an efficient manner and information readily available electronically 3(b), 4(a)	Progress in installing computerised DC system	Systems being evaluated	System installed	System fully operative
5. Decisions made by District Councils and adjoining authorities on their plans and on planning applications reflect the policy of the County Council 3(b)	Percentage of consents granted for applications to which the County Council has objected	N/A	<5%	<5%
	Percentage of consultative responded to within 5 weeks	N/A	>60%	>60%
6. In order to limit harm to the environment and create fair trading conditions, breaches of Planning Control will be investigated and resolved in an expeditious manner 7(c), 3(b)	Average frequency of inspection of active minerals and waste sites	5-6 p.a.	8*	10*
	Respond to complaints within two working days	N/A	80*	90*
	Decide action within 6 weeks	N/A	60*	80*
7. The most important archaeological remains are protected and recorded in advance of development 7(c)	%age of consultations responded to within 2 weeks	>80%	80%	80%

THREE YEAR OUTCOME	MEASURE OR INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE 2000/01	TARGET 2001/02	TARGET 2003/04
	No. of successful appeals against archaeological planning advice	0	0	0
	No. of sites damaged through authorised development without adequate mitigation	0	0	0
	Percentage of customers satisfied with SMR service	100	90	90

N/A Not available

Portfolio Flagship Projects:		
Project Outcome	Key Stages	By When
Leading: Planning & Transportation 8 The environment of Buckinghamshire is protected through a planned approach to the extraction of minerals and the disposal of waste. 10(f) Contributing to: -	Commence work on the new Minerals and Waste Local Plan for Buckinghamshire	January 2002

Part 3 For more information

Associated County Council Business Plans, and links with other Service Plans or Statutory Plans

Links to Strategic Planning (structure Plan) and Contracts Management (Waste Strategy) service plans

When is the service due for a Best Value Root and Branch Review?

(if it has just been reviewed, a summary of the main findings should be attached)

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