

**PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
7 OCTOBER 2008**

Councillor A J Perkins (Chairman)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

Mrs F Beatty

A S Harp

Mrs M Bowen

S O'Connor

G R Collier

D B Price

J S Francis

J A Russell

Councillor W D Davis (Cabinet Member - Planning and Regeneration Portfolio).

Also present - Councillor I F J K Jennings.

PRS10 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2008, submitted and signed.

PRS11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Butter, M T Millichap (substituted by Councillor S O'Connor) and W R Simpson (substituted by Councillor Mrs M Bowen).

PRS12 IN PURSUIT OF SUCCESS

Considered the joint report of the Head of Policy and Improvement and the Head of Finance (V2 15/09/08) relating to the performance management of those areas within the remit of the Committee for Quarter 1 of 2008-09.

Members referred specifically to those indicators relating to the determination of planning applications, with the Head of Planning Engineering responding to queries accordingly. Continuing, Mr Hindle detailed the current position, drawing Members attention to the latest graphs as circulated (attached to these minutes as a Schedule).

On consideration of the financial element of the report Members discussed those budgetary lines relating to the concessionary fares scheme and off street parking services, with the Head of Planning and Engineering and the Cabinet Member addressing Members questions where required.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the submitted performance data relating

to those areas within the remit of the Committee be noted.

PRS13 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLES FOR SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENT RESPONSES

Considered the report (V2 19/09/08) and presentation of the Head of Planning and Engineering and the associated booklets circulated with the agenda (a copy of the presentation slides are available on request from the Head of Law and Administration).

Members' attention was drawn to the list of key issues as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

Particular reference was also made to the presentation slide relating to Regional Spatial Strategy - Update, with the Head of Engineering addressing any resulting questions.

The Cabinet Member reiterated that no decisions regarding the siting of new housing developments in the Borough had yet been made.

Finally, the Cabinet Member reminded Members to view the relevant pages on the Council's website, in particular the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment - Initial Findings document.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the responses to 'The Plan for Stafford Borough: Principles for Settlement Development' as contained within the booklet circulated with the agenda be received;
- (ii) the Plan for Stafford Borough Principles for Settlement Development' as detailed in the booklet circulated with the agenda be agreed and finalised;
- (iii) the Cabinet be recommended that the paper be considered as part of the preparatory work on the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework's Core Strategy document.

PRS14 IMPLICATIONS OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ON STAFFORD TOWN CENTRE

Considered the report of the Head of Regeneration (V2 18/09/09).

Members referred to the importance of improving transport infrastructure in Stafford town centre prior to construction of any major new developments. A need to be aware of car parking provision/ownership was also highlighted.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.

PRS15 **WORK PROGRAMME - PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

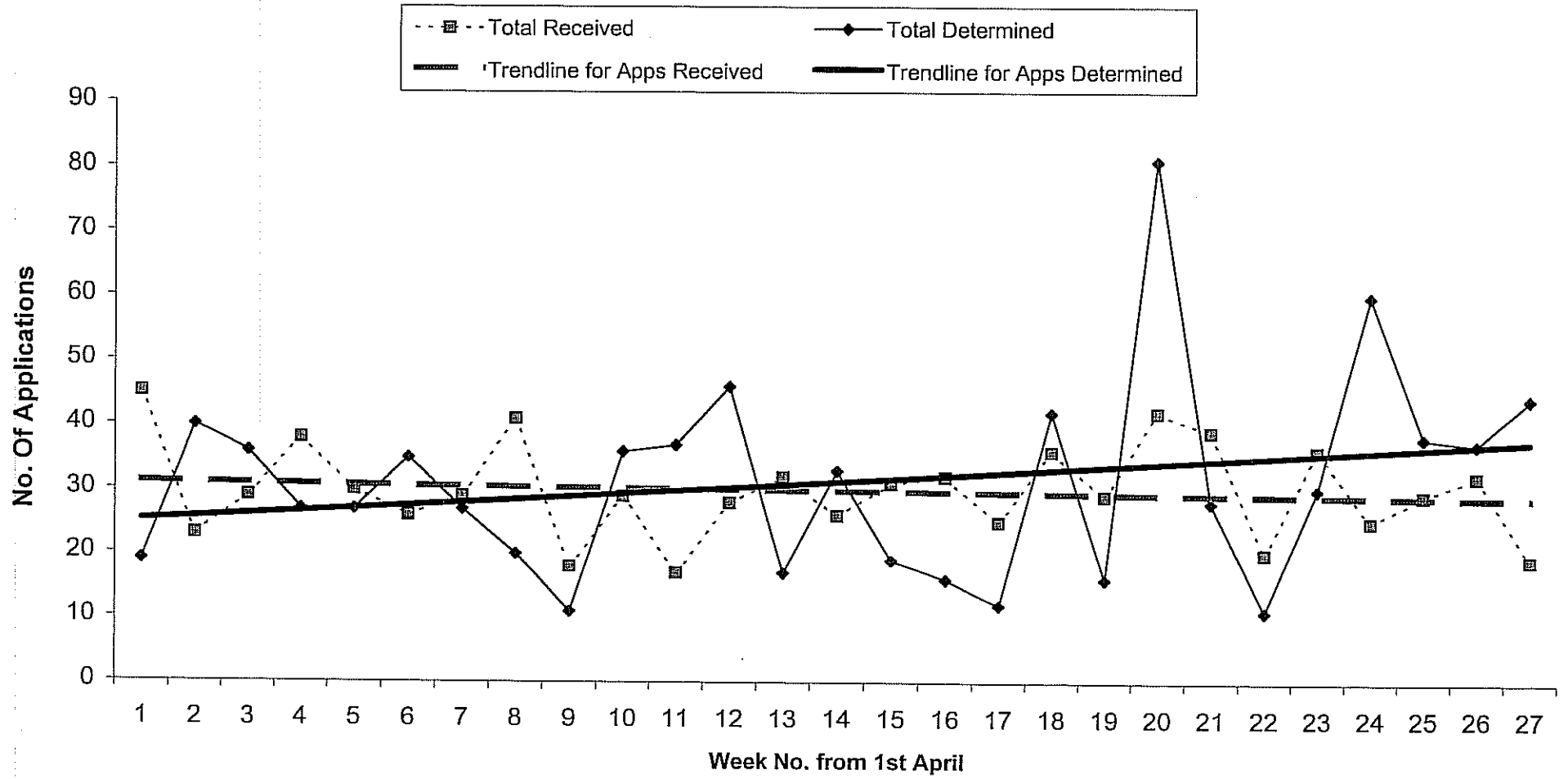
Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 23/09/08).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the work programme be received;
- (ii) the site visit as referred to in the work programme be developed (in conjunction with Development Control Committee).

Proceedings commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 8.30 pm.

Graph 1 - Apps. Received and Determined per week



Graph 2 - Apps. Received and Determined per month against apps. on hand

