

London Borough of Bromley

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Title: **PLANNING ANNUAL REPORT**

Decision Maker: **Development Control Committee**

Decision Date:
14TH June 2005

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Budget/Policy Framework: Within policy and budget

Chief Officer: Chief Planner

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Planning Division Annual Report 2004 – 2005 is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.2 The Planning Delivery Grant award has helped to finance improvements in the delivery of planning services and the new Planning Act for over a decade represents the Government's intention to enable communities to play a more active role in creating better places to live and work, as well as making the planning system faster, fairer and more efficient.
- 1.3 The Division is working hard to bring about the changes and whilst priority is now given towards Achieving Excellence the Division has just completed the second year of the five year Best Value Action Plan. The original Best Value review in 2003 covered functions within the statutory framework of development control, and the mandatory function of preparing and reviewing the Unitary Development Plan, together with other statutory functions including conservation and planning administration; the review also incorporated Land Charges. Good progress is being made towards meeting objectives and the results are attached as appendix 1 of the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members note the successes outlined in the Planning Annual Report as well as the results of the 2nd year of the Best Value Action Plan.

