

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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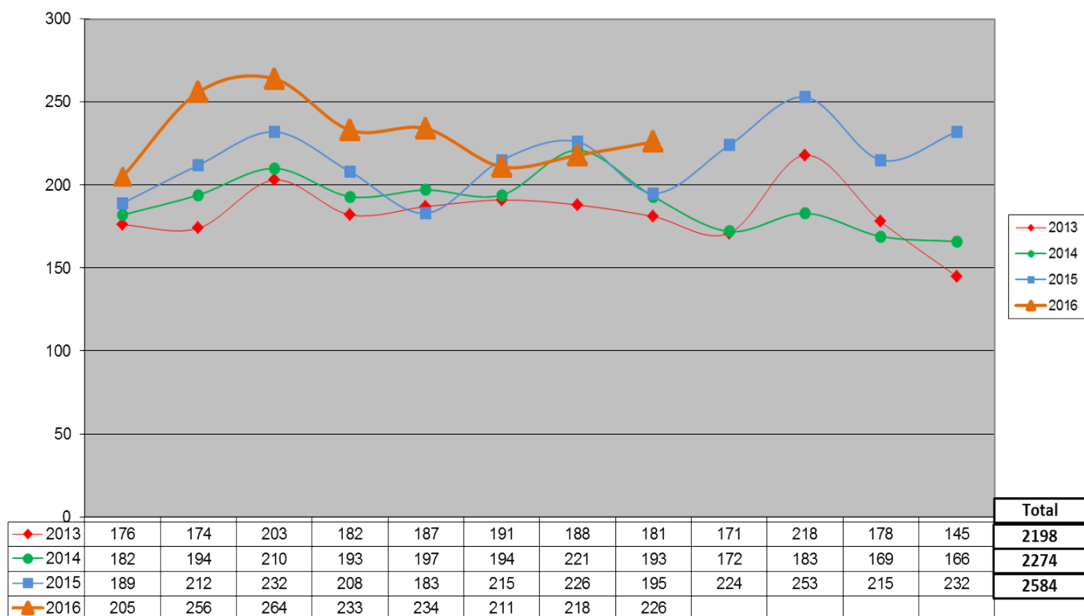
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For the period 15 July 2016 to September 16 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Planning Applications

Planning applications last month rose to a new August high being 18.9% higher than last August.. This is not just a local trend, nationally applications were up 11.5 % on August last year.

This is partly caused by reserved matter applications originating from outline application granted earlier this year.

We are currently recruiting additional resources in order to ensure we complete applications within the Government guidelines.

Local Development Framework

The Inspector's Report into the soundness of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan was received in late August. The report was outlined in a presentation given at the Regeneration and Development Panel when all Councillors were invited to attend.

The process of having a fully adopted Local Plan has been long one and I would like to thank all the hard work that was completed by the Members and Officers especially my predecessor Mrs Vivienne Spiking and the members of the LDF Task Group.

The adoption of the Inspector's Report into the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan is the final step enabling the Borough to have a fully adopted Local Plan which is a key building block in our five year land supply.

Local Development Task Group

Because we have come to the end of the current Local Plan Process and because of change in Government terminology, this Task Group are in the process of changing their name to Local Plan Task Group. It will continue with the same terms of reference.

The Local Plan Task Group continues its consideration of the subjects for the Review the Local Plan. Papers are available on the BC website.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The CIL Examination Hearing took place on 6 September. Some 12 people discussed the issues raised with the appointed Inspector. The Council team presented the evidence supporting the proposed CIL draft Charging Schedule. The Inspector asked for some further clarifications and following a short period for comments from organisations that made representations the Inspector will issue his report. (Approximately end October.

Parish Council Training

Workshop sessions are being planned for the second half of October inviting Parish Councils to fully understand the issues relating to how planning applications are determined, and what considerations can be taken into account.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Council

Cabinet
Cabinet Sifting
LDF Task Group
Various meetings with Officers
Planning Committee as an observer
Self Build and Custom Build Task Group