

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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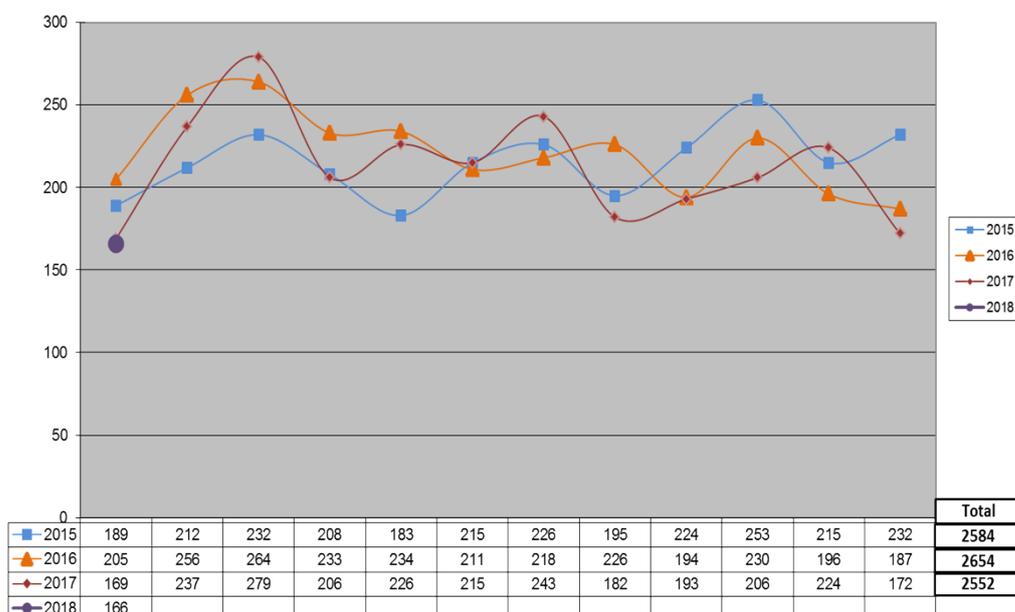
COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 05 January 2018 to 09 February 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Planning

The 20% increase in Planning Fees came into force on the 17 January, and there was a small increase in applications getting in ahead of the fee increase, which was expected.

The Government has confirmed that it will publish a draft revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) for consultation before Easter.

A legal challenge has been submitted to the recent Gayton appeal decision. At present this is waiting to be looked at by a High Court Judge, and Members will be updated when the situation changes or there is any news.

Parish Update

A Parish training is booked for Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th March from 6.00 – 7.30 at the Town Hall. It is planned to cover a variety of subjects. The selection has not been finalised but will be from the following subjects

- Street Naming and Numbering
- Update on Local Plan
- Neighbourhood Plans
- The role of the Sifting Panel
- Enforcement
- Time allowed for consultation responses

So far 22 PCs for the 5th and 17 PCs for the 6th have confirmed attendance.

West Winch Relief Road

The road is needed to facilitate development of the Local Plan allocation at West Winch / North Runcton. The Borough Council with the Norfolk County Council are using funds from the Business Rate Pool to work up a design for a West Winch Relief Road. The Borough Council made a bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund to bring forward elements of the WWRR but this was not successful. Consultants WSP started work on the project in December.

Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework

The county wide Member Forum agreed at its meeting in December that the version of the NSPF should be endorsed. The Framework coordinates matters which fall under the Duty to Cooperate to which local planning authorities have to conform when preparing local plans. Including issues such as housing numbers; infrastructure; nature conservation are all included. It is *non* statutory, but is valuable in presenting our plans at formal Examination stages. The Cabinet will be asked to endorse the Framework at the meeting on March 13th.

2 Meetings Attended

Planning Committee
Cabinet Sifting
Cabinet
Various meetings with Officers
Local Plan Task Group
Custom Build and Self Build Task Group
Regeneration and Development Panel

