

# CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 July 2018

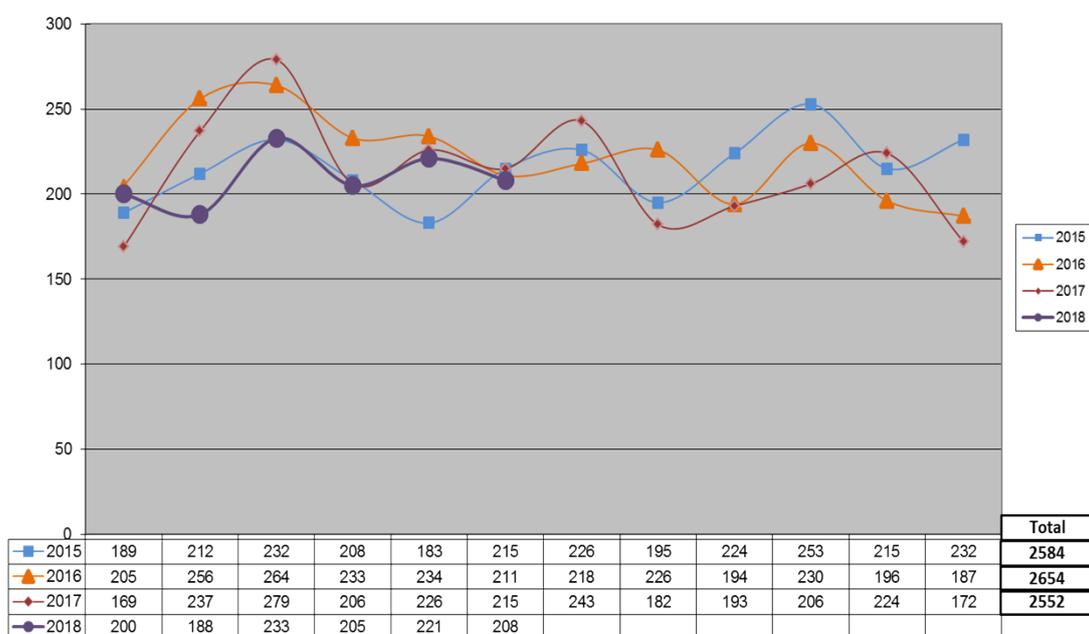
## COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 15 June 2018 to 6 July 218

### 1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

#### Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



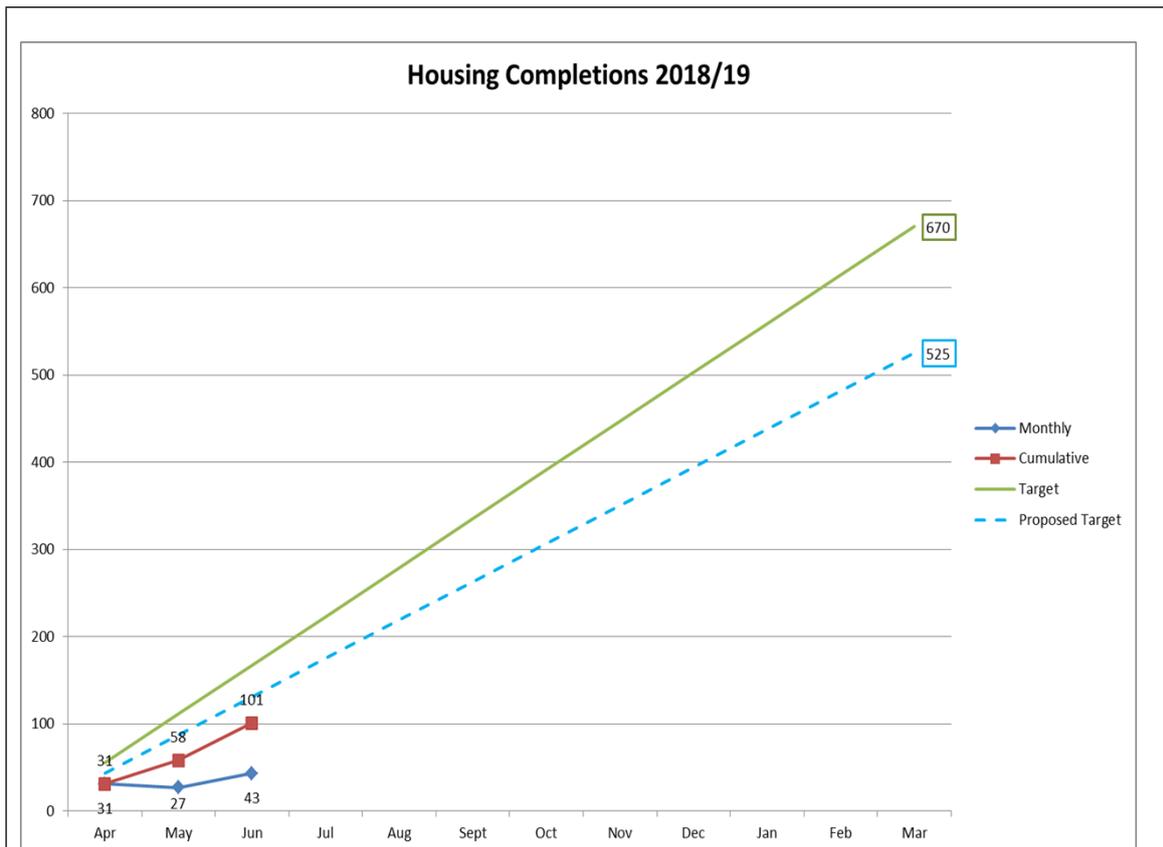
Application numbers are the same as the first quarter last year (546), although fee income is up by £22,000, partially reflecting the increase in fees introduced in January.

First quarter performance for speed of determining planning applications was as follows:

Majors – 100% against a national target of 60%

Minors -89.4% against a national target of 70%

Others - 92.8% against a national target of 80%



## NPPF

The Government have consulted on a draft revised National Planning Policy Framework and associated guidance. The consultation ran from 5 March to 10 May 2018. The Borough Council of course took part in this process and provided detailed comments on many of the topic areas consulted upon. Clearly revised national policy will have implications for the Borough Council and these will of course need to be taken into consideration, especially with regard to the preparation of our own Local Plan review. Key areas of change are the proposed method for calculating housing numbers and new categories of people to provide housing for.

In speaking with senior members of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MHLG) it is currently anticipated that the revised NPPF will be published to coincide with the parliamentary summer recess (24 May 2018).

## Local Plan Review Site Selection

In total approximately 600 sites have been submitted to date as part of this process. Initial assessment of all these sites was completed earlier this year, through our Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). Those sites which 'passed' the assessment are to be assessed further through our Sustainability Appraisal (SA) – this is the main tool we will use for site selection. The first set of settlements and potential sites for allocation will shortly go before the Local Plan Task Group for consideration.

Those sites agreed upon for allocation (known as preferred options) will go into the draft version of Local Plan review, which will be published for public consultation, along with the SA, HELAA and other associated supporting documents. This consultation will offer the opportunity for further sites to be submitted for consideration and information supporting sites previously proposed.

### **Kings Lynn Transport Study**

The study comprises of series of work streams

- Traffic surveys during summer 2018
- Analysis of the current and future transport problems and issues
- Development of possible transport options identified by both BCKL&WN and NCC to address the issues
- Building a microsimulation traffic model of the central area of the town and using this to test possible transport schemes
- Stakeholder consultation/workshop and identification of a preferred strategy for BCKL&WN and NCC to pursue

Work has started on the various work streams and the final report will be completed early 2019.

## **2) Meetings Attended**

Cabinet Sifting  
Cabinet  
Various meetings with Officer  
Council  
Local Plan Task Group  
Custom and Self Build Task Group