

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

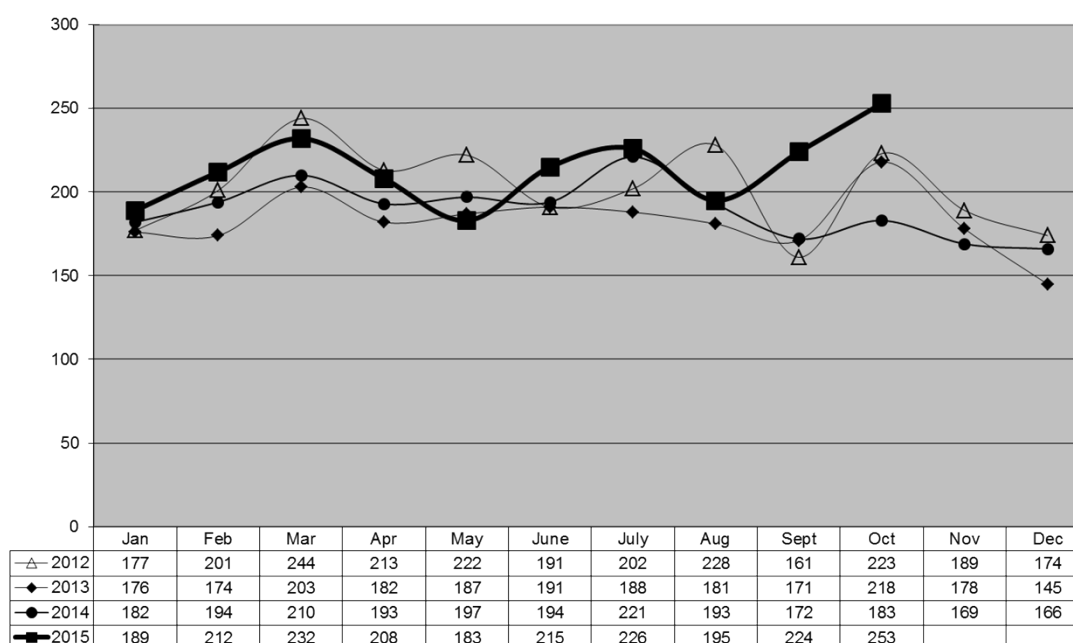
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### **COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT**

For the period October 18 to 15 November 2015

#### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

**Planning and discharge of condition applications received**



#### **Planning Applications**

There continues to be an increase in the number of planning applications received in October and this trend appears to be continuing in November. Planning application numbers are up 12.5 % overall on this time last year. Extra resources have been allocated internally to deal with this increase in applications, as it is important that we continue to ensure applications are dealt with within the statutory time scales. The Government has recently raised the target to 50% determined in time, and for the last quarter (July – September) the Council determined 88% Major applications in time.

## **Local Development Framework**

The examination of the Local Development Framework resumed on November 3<sup>rd</sup> examining the plans including South Wootton, Knights Hill, Downham Market, Hunstanton and Wisbech Fringe.

The examination will enter its final week (November 17 – 19) examining the plans for a range of villages. A detailed list is on the Examination website.

The LDF Task Group is scheduled to meet in early December where an update on the progress of the examination will be presented.

## **2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Council  
Cabinet  
Scrutiny Workshop  
Cabinet Sifting  
Planning Committee  
Various meetings with Officers  
LDF Examination