

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

9th September 2021

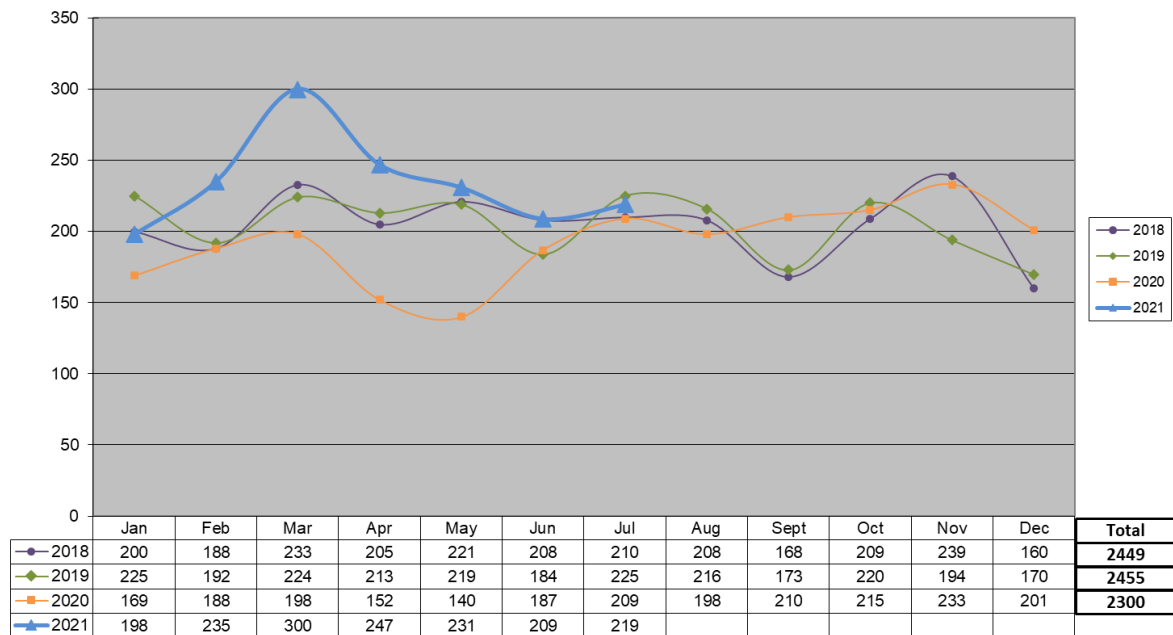
COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION

For the period from 9th July 2021 to 27th August 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning and Discharge of Conditions applications received

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Applications received each month are still higher than pre Covid-19. From January – July 2021 1,639 applications have been received compared to 1,243 the previous year, an increase of 396 applications.

Previously I reported that there was a significant backlog of applications waiting to be validated. I am pleased to report the backlog has reduced significantly and the validation of planning applications is almost back to normal service, validated within 24 hours from receipt.

Major and Minor dwelling applications received comparison

The number of minor dwelling applications have decreased over the last 3 years, but we have seen a significant increase in householder applications in the last 12 months.

	1/8/18 – 31/7/19	1/8/19 – 31/7/20	1/8/20 – 31/7/21
No. of Major dwelling applications rec'd	37	22	26
No. of Minor dwelling applications rec'd	432	357	340
No. of Householder applications rec'd	659	668	903

*Minor dwelling applications = up to 10 units

Major dwelling applications = over 10 units

2021 performance for determining planning applications (Jan – July 2021)

	National target	Performance
Major	60%	93%
Non – Major	70%	92%

Appeal Performance – decisions made by The Planning Inspectorate 1/8/20 – 31/7/21

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	37	16
	70%	30%
Enforcement appeals	7	0
	100%	0%

The national average for planning appeals allowed is around 34%.

Revenue income 2021/22

Income in July was much higher than projected, mainly as a result of two wind farm applications attracting a combined fee of £234,591.

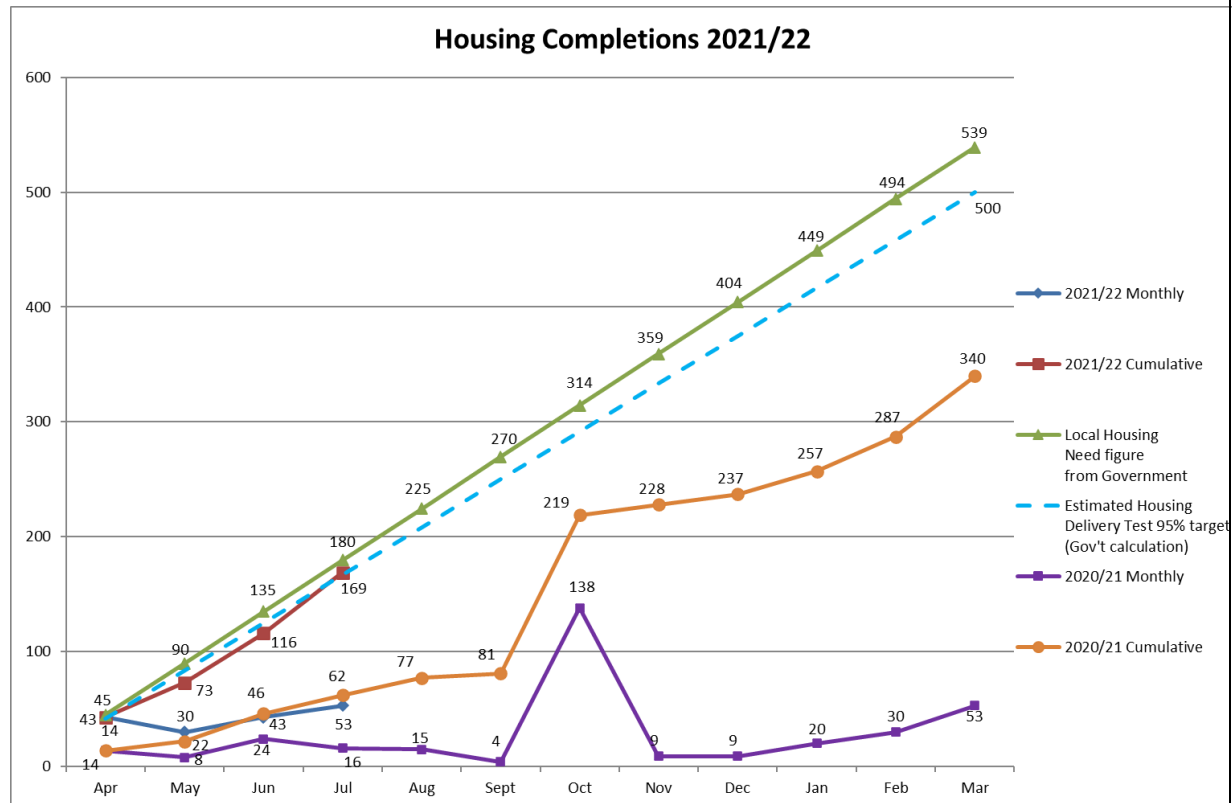
Projected	Actual	Variance with projected
Apr 21 – July 21	Apr 21 – July 21	
£423,333	£738,804	+£315,472

The planning enforcement team remain very busy, with cases high, and no letup in the number of cases received over the summer period.

We are currently advertising for extra resource in enforcement (0.6 FTE)

Housing Completions

Housing completions continue to be higher than the previous year.



Neighbourhood Plans

- 4 parishes went to Referendum in July 2012 and all the NP's were passed. These were:
 - Holme next the Sea
 - Thornham
 - Tilney All Saints
 - Upwell
- Terrington St John will be put to a Referendum on 30 September 2021
- Both Heacham and Hunstanton are currently at Examination and the Examiner's reports are awaited.
- Castle Acre has received it's Examiner's report and discussions are ongoing about the final form of the proposed changes
- Examiner's obviously play a key role in the final stages of an NP, and have to balance the clear visions and aspirations of the local community with the need for rigor in considering the evidence for an appropriate set of policies.

Community Infrastructure Levy

- Following a meeting of the CIL Spending Panel, and various internal processes, the communities who applied for grant funding from our new scheme have been advised of the outcome of their bids.
- The vast majority were successful.
- Funds totaling some £500K are earmarked so for projects and we are working on the formal side of acceptances and the terms and conditions of the grants.
- Given the success of this round, we are working to set a timetable for subsequent rounds.

Local Plan Review

The pre-submission consultation stage started Monday 2 August and is scheduled to end to Monday 27 September 2021 at 5pm.

Major Projects Update

- Parkway 1 application withdrawn. The revised scheme (Parkway 2) to be submitted mid-September for approximately 228 dwellings on former COWA land.
- Salters Road planning obtained July 2021
- Hunstanton Bus Station demolitions due to start September 2021. Bus stops will be relocated onto St Edmunds Terrace
- Nora 4 The ihouse (an innovative accelerated construction method) commenced in July. First handovers December 2021 – 3 properties for open market sale.

Meetings Attended (via Teams Zoom and Youtube)

Portfolio Meetings,
Planning Committee
Planning Committee Sifting
Cabinet
Cabinet Siting
Full Council
Various Meetings with Officers

