

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

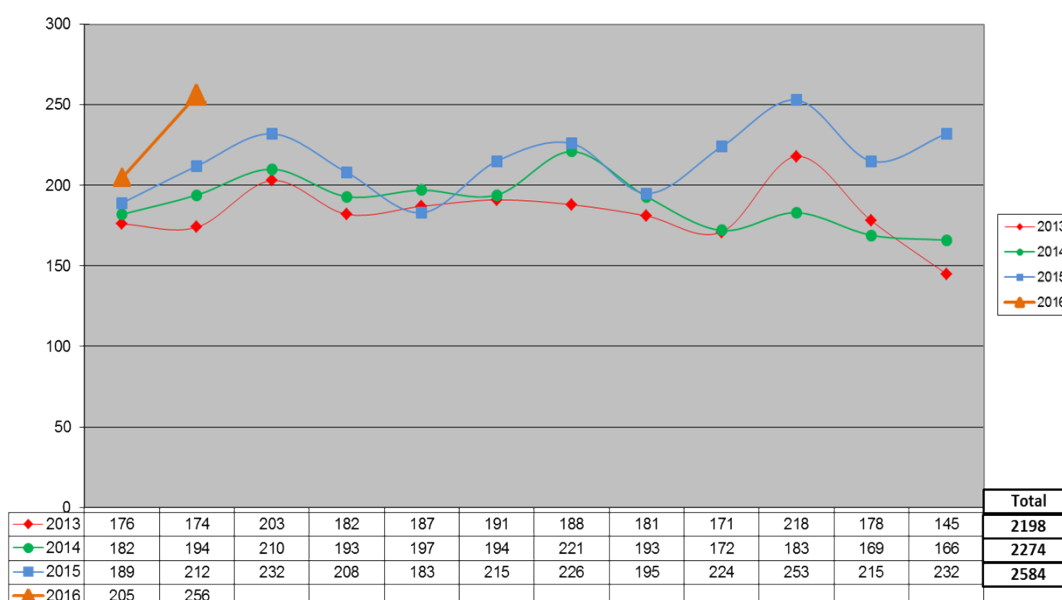
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COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 15 February 2016 to 11 March 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Planning Applications and Five Year Land Supply

Application numbers continue to be high, 256 the highest number received in any month over the past four years. Resources are being reallocated internally to help deal with these extra applications.

The 5 year land supply issue is expected to be tested in detail at the Heacham Public Inquiry which starts on the 17 May.

Habitat Mitigation Levy

From the 1st April the habitat mitigation levy will come into force. There will be a charge of £50 per new house to cover small scale mitigation on designated

sites and general monitoring. The fee will be paid at the planning application submission stage or by entering into a Unilateral Undertaking. The aim is to provide a proportionate and precautionary approach to protecting the integrity of designated European Sites from potential recreational pressure arising from new development identified in the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (SADMP) Plan.

E-consultation

From the 1st June all Parish Council's will be consulted on planning applications electronically. There is the option for Parish Councils to delay until the 1st January 2017 but Parishes will be charged for any planning applications printed / posted to them from the 1st June. Currently 22% of Parish Councils receive notification of planning applications electronically and moving the remainder to electronic notification will assist with easing the ongoing budget pressures. Additional training will be offered to Parish Clerks if needed.

Planning Update to Parish Councils

The annual Planning Update to Parish Councils sessions were held at South Lynn Community Centre on Monday 29th February. Just over 60 attended the afternoon session and approximately 30 for the evening session. Officers updated the Parishes on the following issues

- 5 year land supply
- Further Government proposals
- E-consultation
- Habitat Regulations
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- Local Development Framework (LDF)
- Neighbourhood Plans

Community Infrastructure Levy

Following agreement to the draft charging schedule by Council on 25 February a six week consultation starts on Monday 14 March. There is a long list of consultees including parish and town councils and agents working in the Borough.

Local Development Framework

The Cabinet have agreed to recommend a set of modifications to Council. These reflect a series of Preliminary findings published by the Inspector. Once these have been agreed by Council, there will be a further consultation period before the inspector issues his report in the summer.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled
Council Cabinet Cabinet Sifting LDF Task Group Cabinet Scrutiny Media Training Various meetings with Officers Planning Updates to Parish Councils