

# CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

21 March 2024

**COUNCILLOR JIM MORIARTY - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION**

For the period 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

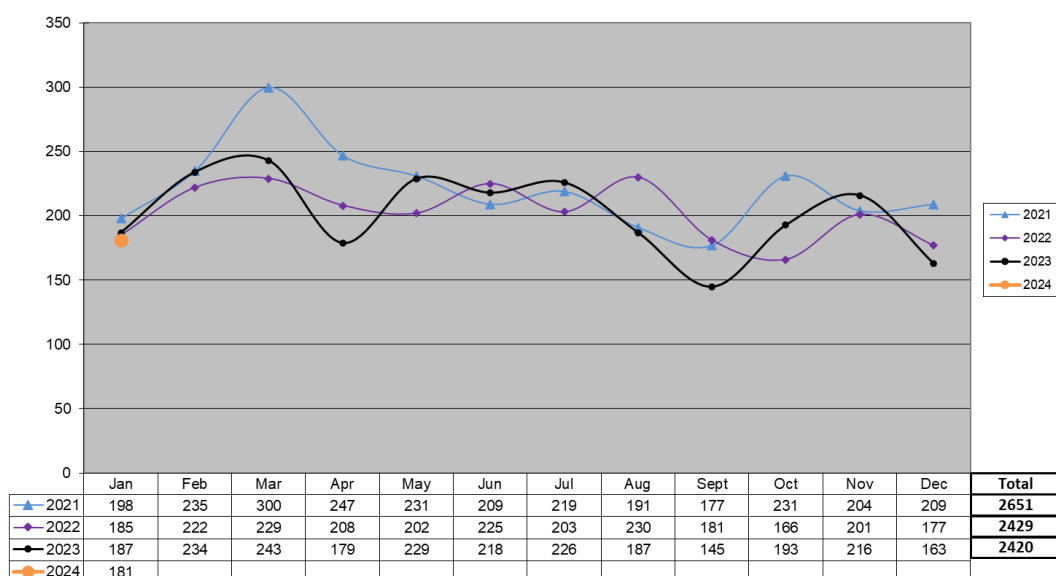
## 1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

I would first like to acknowledge the work of officers in helping compile this report, particularly given the pressure the department is under preparing for the resumed Local Plan inspection.

### Planning and Discharge of Conditions applications received

Application numbers for January 2024 are very similar to previous years.

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



### Major and Minor dwelling applications and householder applications received

**comparison**

	1/2/21 – 31/1/22	1/2/22 – 31/1/23	1/2/23 – 31/1/24
No. of Major dwelling applications rec'd	24	19	15
No. of Minor dwelling applications rec'd	323	310	237
No. of Householder applications rec'd	902	743	615
<b>Total</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>867</b>

\*Minor dwelling applications = up to 10 units

Major dwelling applications = over 10 units

**2023/24 performance for determining planning applications 1/2/23 – 31/1/24**

	National target	Performance
<b>Major</b>	60%	89%
<b>Non – Major</b>	70%	87%

**Appeal Performance – decisions made by The Planning Inspectorate 1/2/23 – 31/1/24**

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	31	16
	66%	34%
Enforcement appeals	6	0
	100%	0%

The higher the number of appeals allowed, the more The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) is going against the council's decisions, so a low figure of appeals allowed (upheld) is clearly preferable. For context the national average for planning appeals allowed annually has historically been around 34% post NPPF.

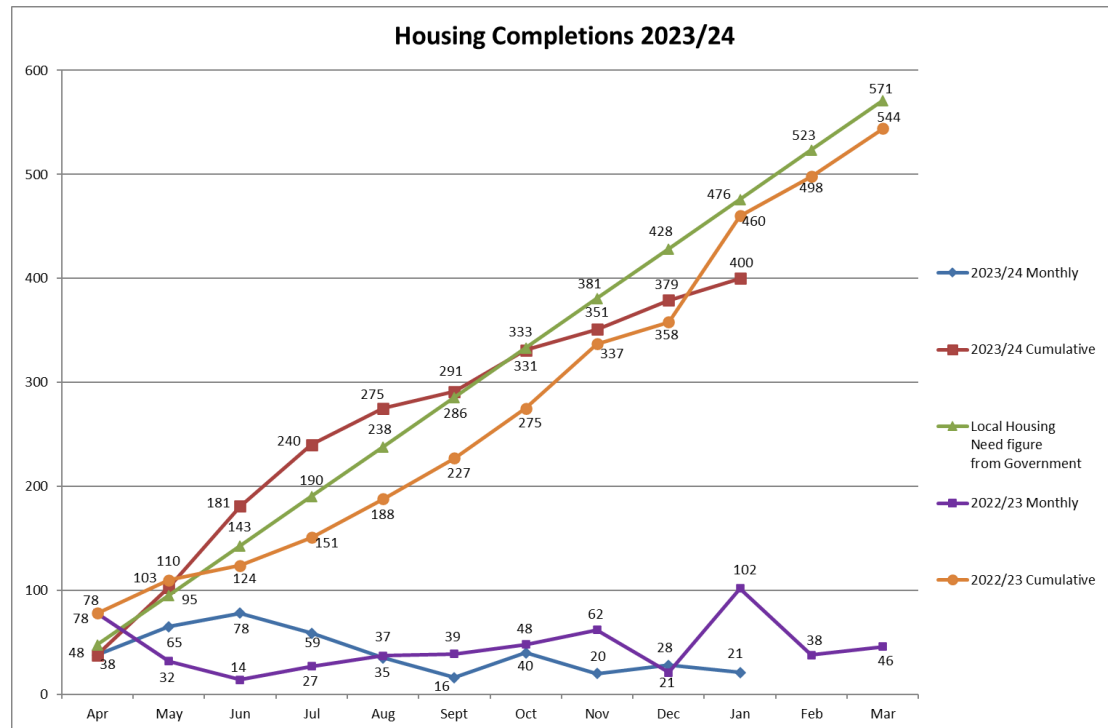
**Revenue income 2023/24 (Planning and Discharge income)**

Figures are based on a full year projected income budget of £1,100,000.

Projected	Actual	Variance with projected
April 23 – Jan 24	April 23 – Jan 24	
£916,667	£884,845	<b>-£31,822</b>

**Housing Completions**

21 houses completed in January 2024. Currently completions are down 76 on projected based on a local housing need figure from Government of 571 and down 60 compared to the same time last year.



**Local Plan Update (ongoing examination of the replacement Local Plan 2021-2039)**

The Inspectors’ Additional Matters Issues & Questions (AMIQs) and Hearing Programme for the Local Plan Hearing Sessions have been received and are available on our Website [here](#). The Borough Council has been asked a total of 117 AMIQs which need responding to. 37 of them need submitting to the Inspectors by midday on the 8 March and the remainder are due midday 29 March. There is an added complication in that the first set of hearing sessions and preparation work for these cuts into this time.

Dates for Local Plan Hearing Sessions are as follows:

- 26-28 March 2024
- 16-19 April 2024
- Further hearings dates for the Gypsy and Traveller policy examination are set for 3-4 September 2024.

In addition to answering the AMIQs, and preparing for the Hearing Sessions, the Planning Policy team also continue to work upon the need to put forward policies and site allocations to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople (GTTS), identified in the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA), June 2023. As a reminder the programme/ timeframe for the ongoing GTTS work for the Local Plan examination is set out below:

- 26 January – 8 March 2024 (inclusive) – GTTS Potential Sites and Policy

Consultation document consultation (with draft Full Sites Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment supporting documents).

- March 2024 – review and process representations/ preparation of finalised Proposed Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites and Policies paper and supporting documents.
- w/c 8 April 2024 – Special Cabinet Meeting, to approve finalised Proposed Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites and Policies paper and supporting documents for consultation and submission to the Planning Inspectors.
- w/c 22 April 2024 – meeting of Full Council, to approve GTTS site allocations and policies for submission to the Planning Inspectors.
- 10 May – 21 June 2024 – consultation on Proposed Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites and Policies paper and supporting documents.
- End of June 2024 – submission of Proposed Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites and Policies paper and supporting documents to Planning Inspectors.

This would be followed by consultation on Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan during autumn 2024.

### Neighbourhood Planning Update

As of 27 February 2024, there are 19 “made” (adopted) Plans in place. Details of recently made (since 2023) and emerging Neighbourhood Plans are set out below:.

#### Recently “made” Neighbourhood Plans (during 2023-24 financial year)

	Current position
Old Hunstanton Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2036	Passed referendum, 8 February 2024; “made” <b>15 February 2024</b>
Burnham Market Neighborhood Plan 2022-2036	Passed at referendum, 21 September 2023; “made” <b>26 September 2023</b>
Gayton and Gayton Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2036	Passed at referendum, 9 November 2023; “made” <b>20 November 2023</b>
Stoke Ferry Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2036	Passed at referendum, 24 August 2023; “made” <b>29 August 2023</b>
Watlington Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2036	Passed at referendum, 7 December 2023; “made” <b>13 December 2023</b>

#### Emerging Neighbourhood Plans

	Current position
Downham Market Neighbourhood Plan	1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan (Regulation 14) consultation October/ November 2021 – preparation subsequently stalled; Plan submission anticipated 2024
Grimston, Pott Row, Roydon and Congham Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2036	Examination commenced August 2023; anticipated to finish, spring 2024; referendum May/ June 2024
Marshland St James	“Call for sites” December 2023; 1 <sup>st</sup> draft

	(Regulation 14) version Plan anticipated for publication, spring 2024
North Wootton Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2036	Submitted, 12 September 2023; followed by pre-examination (Regulation 16) consultation (finished 24 November 2023).  Examination to commence early-2024 – appointment of examiner expected to be confirmed February 2024; examination anticipated to conclude summer 2024
Pentney Neighbourhood Plan	1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan (Regulation 14) consultation March-May 2023; Plan submission anticipated 2024
Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan	1 <sup>st</sup> draft Plan published for consultation by Ringstead Parish Council, 22 January – 3 March 2024 (inclusive). Plan submission anticipated summer/ autumn 2024.
In addition, several other Parishes are designated Neighbourhood Areas, but progress with plan-making is unknown or at an early stage	Burnham Overy (designated 5 December 2023); Dersingham; Docking (designated 22 December 2023); Great Massingham; Ingoldisthorpe; Outwell; Shouldham; Syderstone; Tilney St Lawrence; Walpole; Walpole Cross Keys (review of 2017 Neighbourhood Plan); West Dereham

#### CIL Update

The Cill Spending Panel met on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and made the following decisions/recommendations (to Cabinet should the sum in question be above £50,000#).

Applicant	Project Title	Amount Approved
North Runcton Cricket Club	Facility Upgrade - Accessibility/inclusion	£39,396.00
Gaywood Church Rooms Trust	Renovation of Church Rooms	£29,560.00
Sedgeford Parish Council	Village Hall Refurb & Security	£3,428.00
Marshland St James Parish CI	Inclusive Playground	£30,000.00
Brancaster Staithe and Burnham Deepdale Village Hall	Play Equipment - Village Hall/Playing Field	£20,000.00
Hunstanton Town Council	Community Orchard	£4,000.00
St Peters Church, Upwell	New Drainage & associated masonry repairs	£30,000.00
RSPCA Norfolk West	Rehoming Centre-Air Source Heat Pump	£12,500.00
Terrington St John Parish CI	Purchase of former church as Village Hall	£150,000.00#
Wiggenhall St Germans Memorial Hall	Resurface Car Park	£48,000.00
Magdalen Academy – Primary School	Outdoor Classroom	£17,623.70
Westacre Arts Foundation Ltd (Westacre Theatre)	New theatre costume & props storage	£9,000.00
West Norfolk Mencap	Beach Hut Upgrade	£7,500.00
Welney Parish Council	Hurn Drove resurfacing	£15,000.00
North End Trust - Trues Yard Community Museum	Replacement Boiler/Storage	£6,348.00
RSPCA Norfolk West Shop	LED Lighting	£2,000.00
Gaywood Community Centre		
Gaywood Play Park 2 -	Extension to play area	£50,000.00
Castle Rising PC	Village Gateway	£4,875.00
Castle Rising PC Cricket Club	Seating	£2,760.00
Totals		£481,990.70