

# CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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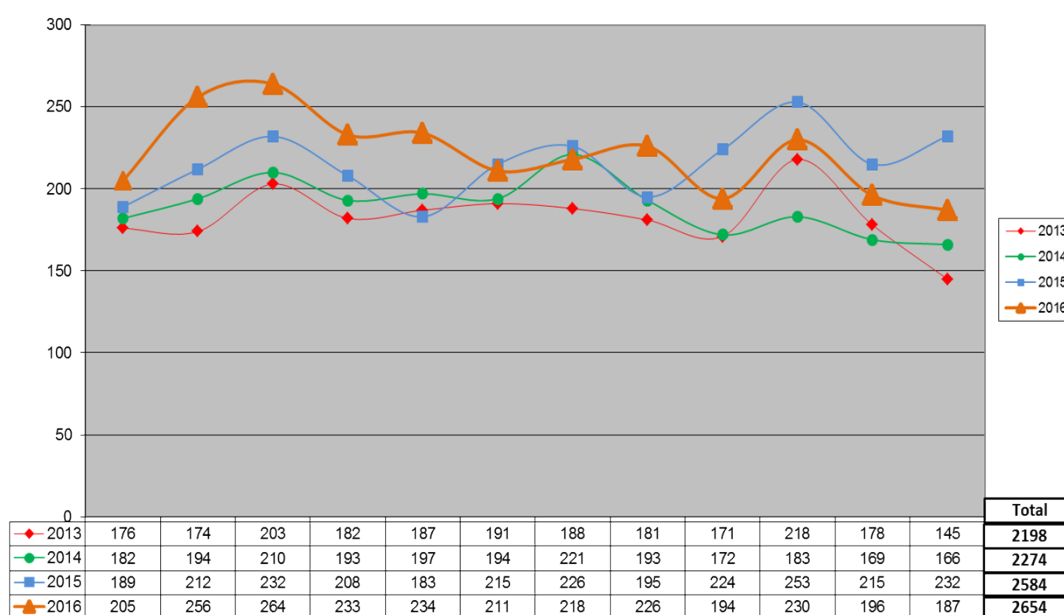
## COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 3 November 2016 to 5 January 2017

### 1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

#### Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Application numbers remain high for this time of year and although not as high as last year, they are greater than the same period in 2013 and 2014.

Total applications in 2016 shows a slight (2%) increase on 2015 applications and taking into account that in 2015 the majority of the year the Borough did not have a 5 year land supply, the increase is more significant.

#### Local Plan

The Local Plan Task Group continues to develop the approach for the Plan Review to 2036. The Task Group reports and agendas can be found on the website. Progress is being made on the overall strategic approach and early stage work on settlement hierarchies and custom and self-build policies. The

'Call for Sites' consultation has brought forward sites in 550 locations across the Borough, the analysis of the sites has already commenced. We continue to engage with other council's under the Duty to Co-operate requirements, particularly the Norfolk Strategic Framework.

### **Inquiries**

The Public Inquiry regarding further residential development at the former Fosters site in Clenchwarton scheduled for the 6 December was cancelled as the appellant withdrew their appeal.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy**

Final preparations are well advanced for the projected start date for the charging of Community Infrastructure Levy on 15 February subject to Council approval.

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

Neighbourhood Plans are progressing well.

Currently there are 8 designated areas ( the first stage and preparing a plan).  
2 Fully adopted plans.

10 Parishes have expressed an interest and are proceeding to the initial designation stage.

Most of these have come forward in the last 6 months. There is definitely an increased level of interest across the Borough.

There are workload implications.

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

Council  
Cabinet  
Cabinet Sifting  
Local Plan Task Group  
Various meetings with Officers  
Meetings with Leader  
Planning Committee  
Regeneration and Development Panel  
Self Build and Custom Build Task Group