

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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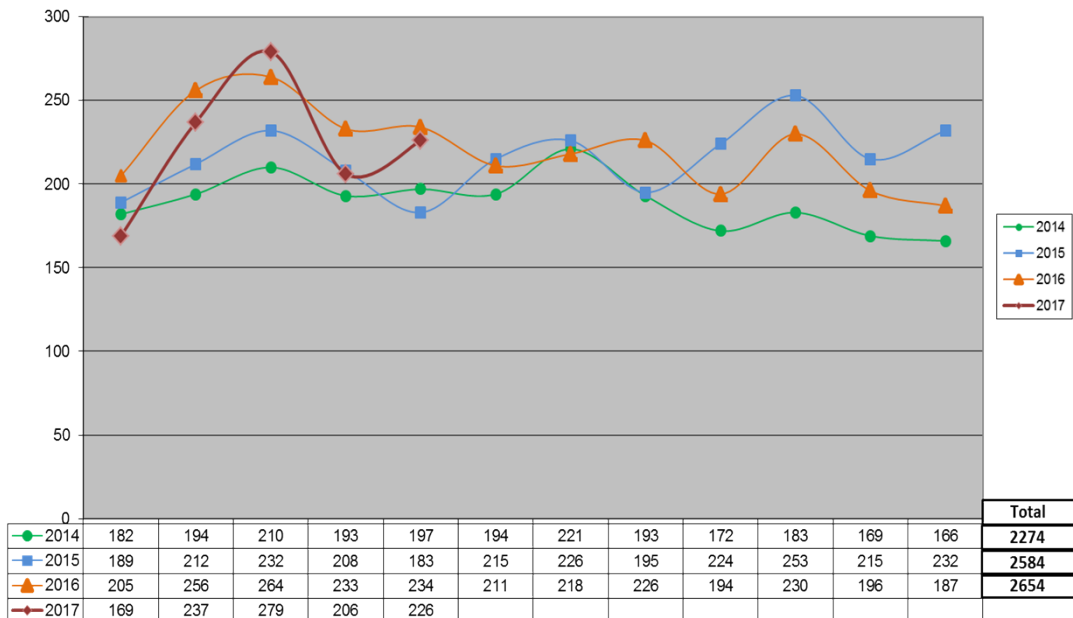
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For the period 25 March to 2 June 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



April and May planning applications continued at a high level although the accumulative total for 2017 is slightly lower than 2016 but greatly exceeds 2015 and 2014.

The Planning Committee now meet for the monthly planning committee meeting in the Assembly room at the Town Hall. The new visual equipment has now been installed and this will be in use at the June meeting. The audio upgrade is scheduled to be available soon.

With improved technology available, officers are now looking at ways to improve the presentation of application reports to the committee.

Government White Paper

A members briefing was held on 24 April in the Town Hall outlining the significance of the Governments white paper entitled “Fixing the Broken Housing Market”.

Local Plan

At the most recent Local Plan Task Group meeting, the Hunstanton Master Plan was presented. The Group reviewed the core strategy policies and the SADM (Site Allocation and Development Management) policies. A Retail Overview of Kings Lynn town Centre was presented to the task group.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy has been operation for three months. There have been a few minor issues but in general terms the process is working well.

The first CIL payments will be paid to Marshland St James and Sedgeford in the next few weeks.

Neighbourhood Plans

The examiner of the North Runcton and West Winch Neighbourhood plan has been asking a number of questions, the answers which were provided by officers were published on the web site.

The Walpole Cross Keys plan – The examination is about to start.

16 further parishes had expressed an interest including: Heacham, the Burnhams, Gayton, Castle Acre and Tilney All Saints.

It has been confirmed that the Government are committed to the funding of the process at the present time, although it is concerning the amount of officer time having to be spent on the process.

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
Environment and Community Panel
Self Build and Custom Build Task Group
Electoral Review Members Workshop
Members Briefing on Government's Planning White Paper