

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

17 July 2017

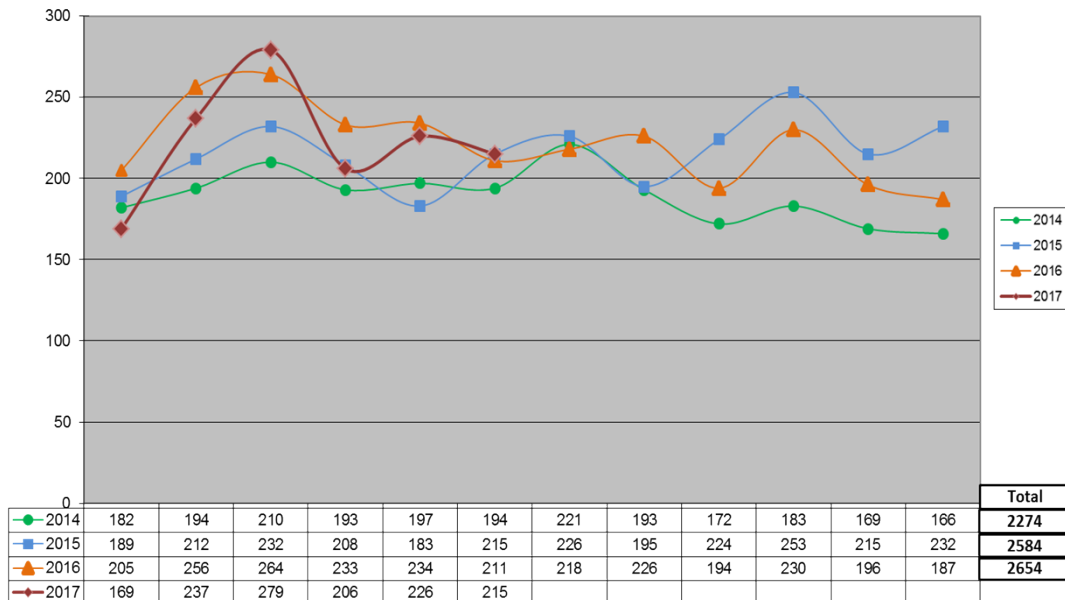
COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 3 June to 14 July 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Planning control remains busy, with numbers of applications remaining high. We have also seen a noticeable increase in applications to do works to protected trees, which we are monitoring to ensure the statutory deadlines continue to be met.

The proposed national increase in Planning Fees of 20%, with the extra funds raised through the increase ring-fenced to Planning, has been delayed until the Autumn at the earliest. Notwithstanding this in terms of staffing we are seeking to recruit two graduate planners in Planning Control, to help with the continuing busy workload, and another officer returns from maternity leave in September.

Local Plan

At the most recent Local Plan Task Group meeting, the Panel reviewed the policies relating to small villages and hamlets. The Local Plan review is seeking to further simplify the approach and aid flexibility. It has previously been agreed by the Task Group to introduce development boundaries for Smaller Village and Hamlets, to ensure a consistent approach across the Borough and Settlement Hierarchy. It has also been agreed to extend these policies to include areas adjacent to development boundaries for these settlements. This could not only provide flexibility in housing numbers coming forward from this windfall source but would accord with current national policy and, potentially encourage SME builders, support rural areas, affordable housing (including starter homes), and Custom and Self Build Housing.

Such policies could provide a logical/ common sense approach which has found favour with our development management team and your fellow councillors.

Community Infrastructure Levy

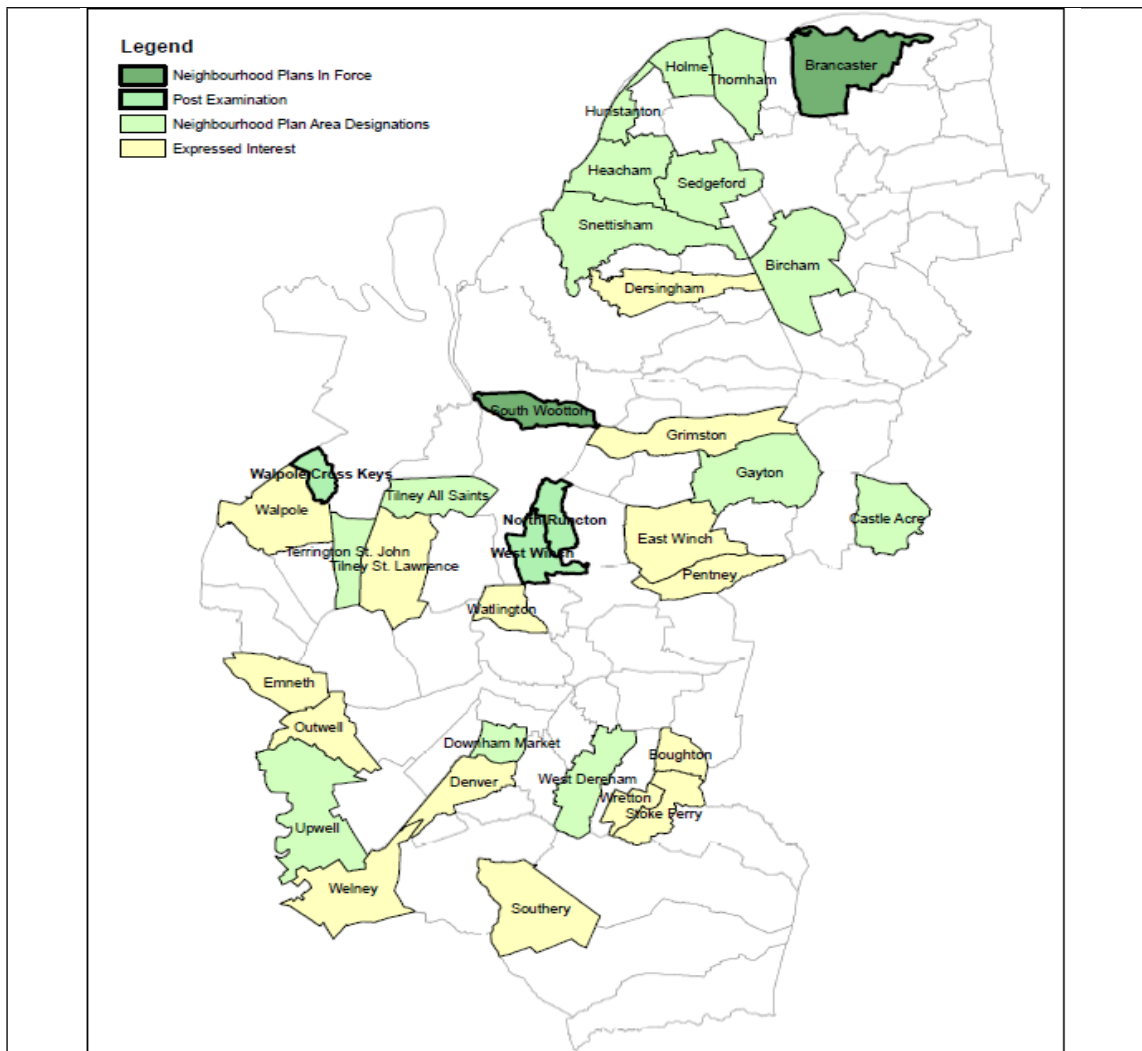
We have been operating CIL for a number of months now and in so doing there are a number of matters which needed to be clarified. Making these changes will provide for a more efficient operation of the process.



1. The definition of Phased Development in relation to the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and propose a process to meet the requirements of the legislation.
2. The protocol establishing how the Council will apply surcharges and interest to developers/landowners that fail to follow the CIL administrative requirements.
3. The process for administering the CIL on householder self build extension exemptions.

The details of these changes were included in a Delegated Decision Notice circulated in June to all Councillors.

Neighbourhood Plans

The map below illustrates the current position of Neighbourhood Plans across the Borough.



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2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Council
 Cabinet
 Cabinet Sifting
 Local Plan Task Group
 Various meetings with Officers
 Planning Committee Training
 Self Build and Custom Build Task Group
 CNC