

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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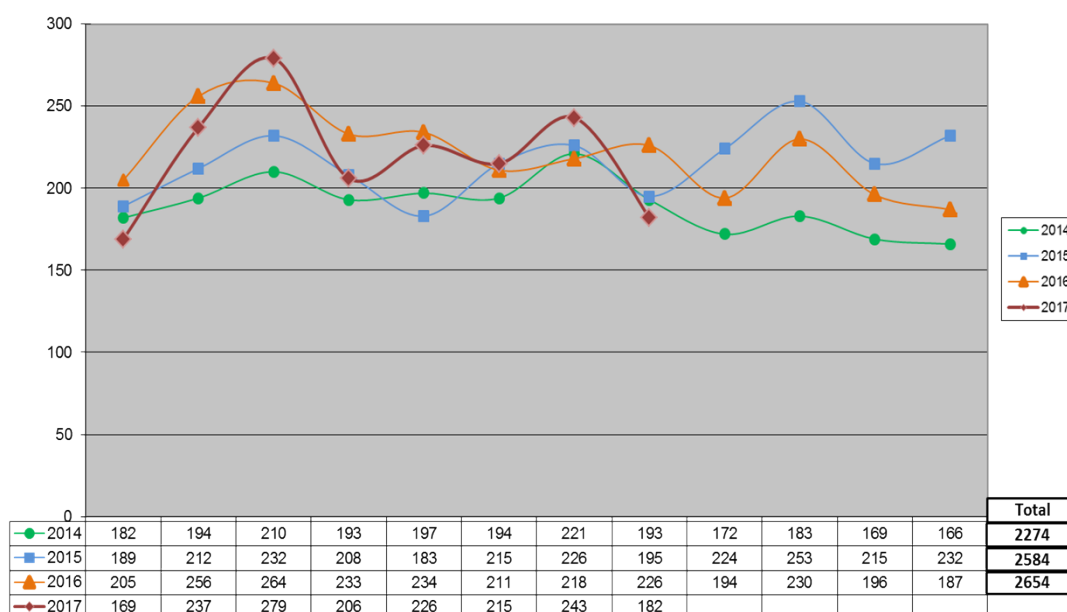
COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 27 July to 08 September 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



August traditionally a quiet month has been as expected.

Two graduate planners in Planning Control have been recruited, one has already started, the other begins later this month.

The Public Access planning portal on the Councils Web site was upgraded on 6th September and introduces a number of enhanced features:

- **Public Access Time Out**

Previously in Public Access, when a user was typing a comment, they would have been timed out after 30 minutes and their work would have been lost. Now while drafting a comment, if a user is logged out due to a time-out, when the user logs back in, the comment will be retained.

- **Bulk Document Download**

In the Documents tab on a case, you can select up to, and including, 25 documents at a time and perform a bulk download.

- **Document Drawing Number Displayed**

A new Drawing Number column has been added when viewing the Documents tab. Going forward if there is a drawing number this will be added and displayed. This will allow customers to reference drawings and ensure that the same versions are being considered.

- **Social Media Integration**

A 'Share' button has been added allowing the user to share comments, documents and activity on social media, Twitter or email. A link to the application is inserted automatically into the Twitter or email body when clicked.

- **Spell Check Integration**

When the user enters text, it will now run through a spell checker which will indicate, via a red underline, to the user an incorrect spelling of a word and will display a list of potential correct spellings.

- **Automatic Confirmation Email**

Users will get an automatic confirmation email that their comment has been submitted.

Neighbourhood Plans

The Residents of North Runcton and West Winch and Walpole Cross Keys will go to the polls on 28 September 2017 to vote in Neighbourhood Planning referendums.

Parish Update

- Castle Acre (conducting questionnaire – have held exhibitions, meeting next week)
- Heacham (recent meetings, working on plan strategies, workshops in October)
- Holme-next-the-Sea (drafting vision, aims, objectives policies)
- Hunstanton (working towards their consultation, finalising maps and draft plan)
- Sedgeford (held workshops/exhibitions, working up policies)
- Snettisham (pre-submission consultation recently concluded, looking at a health check)
- Thornham (working up policies)Upwell (meetings with local community and business groups)
- Grimston, Roydon and Congham Joint (currently out to Area Designation Consultation)
- Boughton (looking to arrange initial meeting with us)
- Dersingham (will contact us to arrange initial meeting)
- Grimston (possibly with Congham)

- Southery (arranged to meet with them in early November)
- West Lynn* (unparished area - exploring setting up a neighbourhood forum, not shown on the map)

2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Special Cabinet re Boundary Changes
Cabinet Sifting
Special Council re Boundary Changes
Cabinet
Meetings with Leader
Local Plan Task Group
Various meetings with Officers
Planning Committee Training
A47 Roadshow
Tour of Lynnsport Housing Developments
Regeneration and Development Panel
Wisbech Access Steering Group