

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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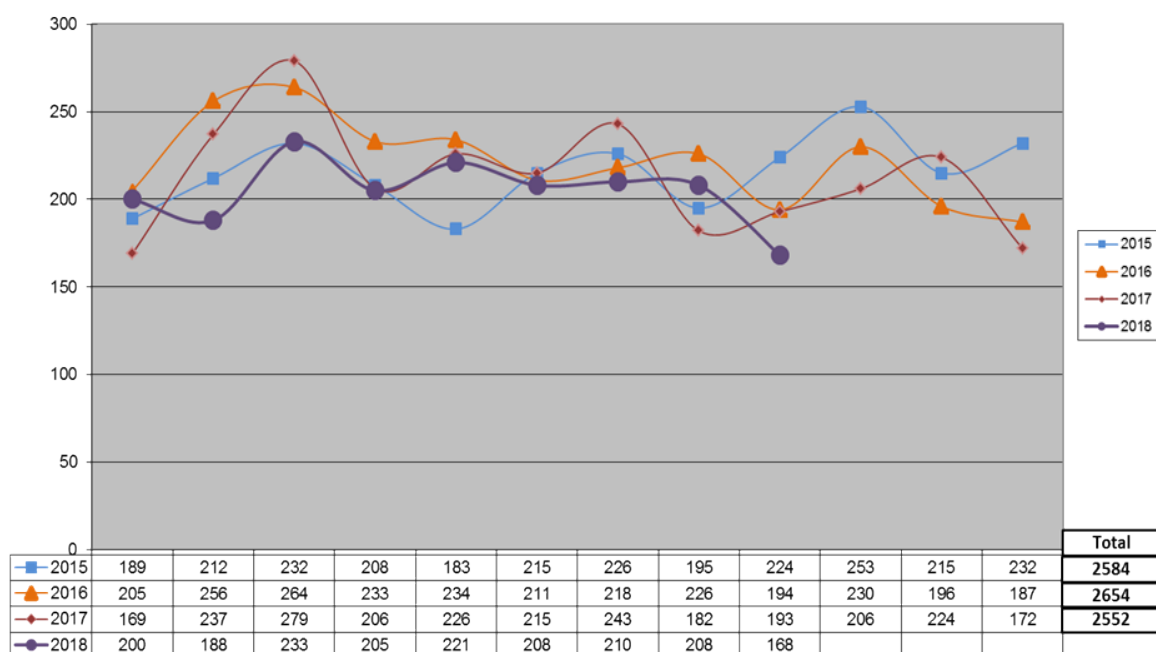
COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 6 September 2018 to 8 October 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Planning Applications

Although we saw a drop in applications last month and the accumulative position to date is about 6% down on last year, the application fees are ahead of budget.

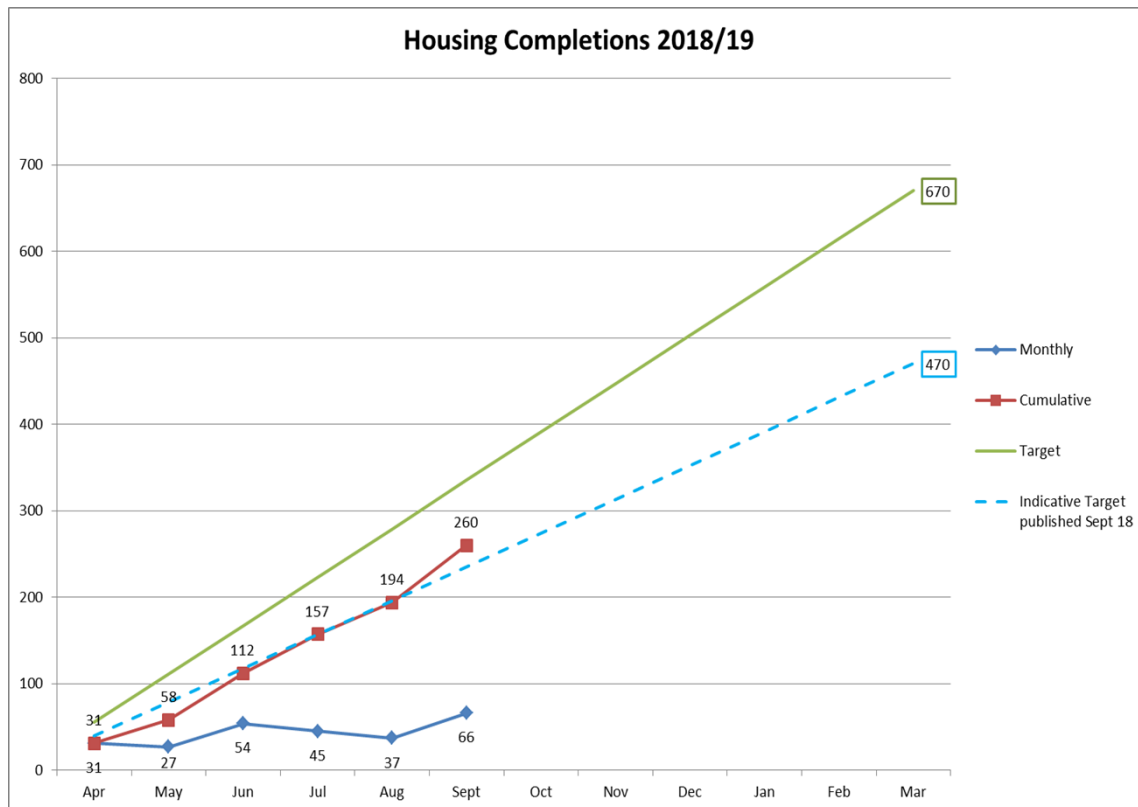
Planning Portal Financial Transaction Service

The introduction of fees (£16.67 + VAT) for the use of the Planning Portal to submit plans commenced last month, meaning that applications made online through the Planning Portal, along with the application fee, will only be released to local authorities once the full planning application fee and the associated submission fee has been paid. There has been some initial

resistance to this Government introduced fee and we have received via email more than normal applications last moth. This has created more work for the application processing section. We are looking at alternative solutions and reviewing internal procedures, but if this trend continues, it is possible application processing will slow especially for application not submitted via the Planning Portal.

We will continue to monitor the impact of this change.

Housing Completions and Housing Delivery Test



Housing Completions and Housing Delivery Test (HDT)

The chart has been revised to show the current published target for the Borough. Although this was announced in mid September, the Government has already announced that it will be revised before the November 2018 HDT is assessed.

NPPF 2

A training session for the Planning Committee on the impact of the latest National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in July, was made on Monday 8th October. The training session focused on how the new NPPF will effect current applications as well as the new issues that will have to be considered in the next Local Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans

The Snettisham Neighbourhood Plan has completed the examination phase. Following detailed discussions with Snettisham Neighbourhood plan group, it is expected that the plan will go to referendum in the next few weeks.

Meetings Attended

Cabinet Sifting

Cabinet

Various meetings with Officer

Local Plan Task Group

Custom and Self Build Task Group

Snettisham Neighbourhood Plan Group

Joint Portfolio Meeting