

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

29 November 2018

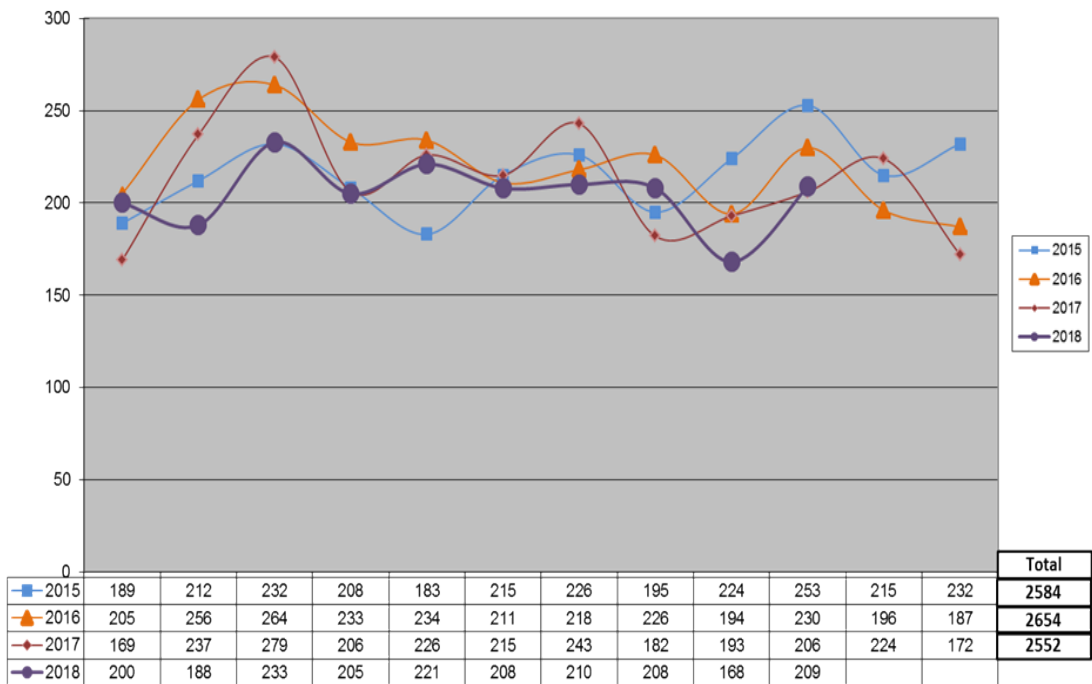
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For the period 9 October 2018 to 16 November 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Planning Applications

Although we saw a rise applications last month, the applications are tracking the trend for the year. The total applications to date are about 5% down on last year, but the application fees are ahead of budget.

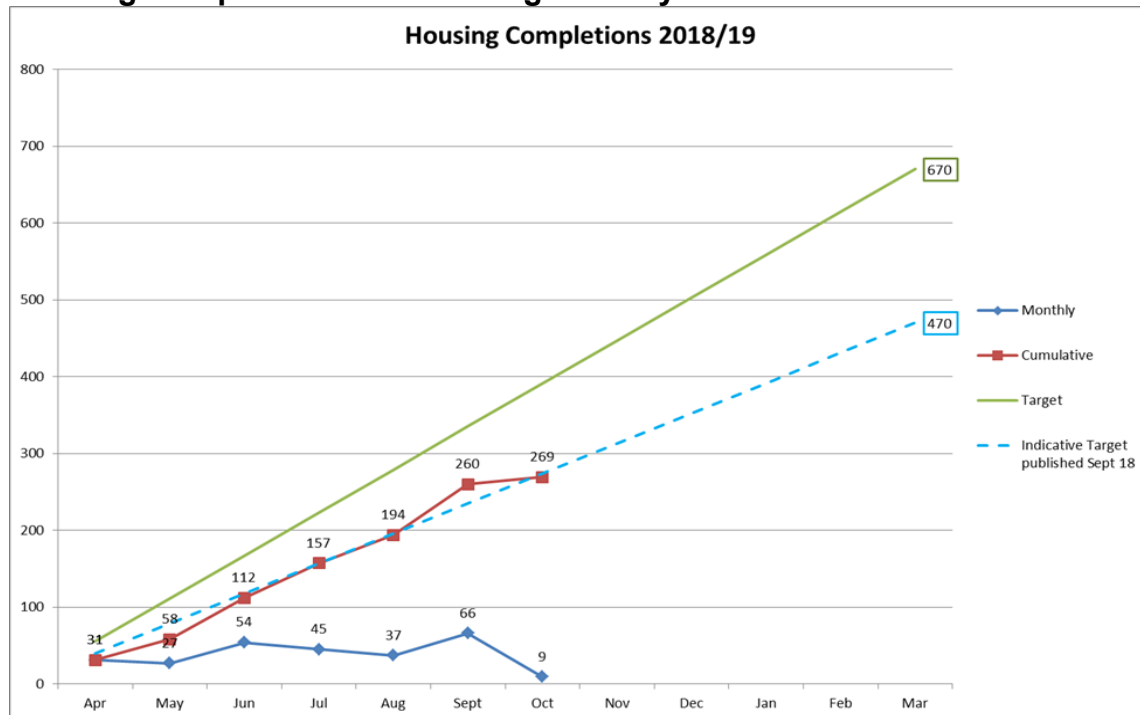
Planning Portal Financial Transaction Service

On the 10th September the Planning Portal introduced a submission fee of £20 per application. This has resulted in an increase in applications being received by email, 71 extra applications have been received by email in the period 10/9/18 – 10/11/18 compared to the same period last year (45% increase), see Table 1. Applications received via the Planning Portal automatically populate the back office case management system but emailed applications have to be loaded manually and therefore causing additional work for the validation team. This trend is likely to continue and therefore options are being considered to try and reduce emailed applications.

Table 1

	10/9/17 – 10/11/17	10/9/18 – 10/11/18
Applications received	495	501
Applications submitted via the Planning Portal	408 = 82%	343 = 68%
Applications submitted via email	87 = 18%	158 = 32%

Housing Completions and Housing Delivery Test



Public Inquiry

The public inquiry into a proposed housing development within Gayton has been re-scheduled for 26 February – 1 March 2019. It will be held at the South Lynn community centre. This follows a previous High Court decision which led to the

quashing of original decision by the Planning Inspectorate in 2017.

Neighbourhood Plans

On 29 November 2018 voters in Snettisham will go to the polls to vote in the area's Neighbourhood Planning referendum. Voting will be at the Memorial Hall, 10 Old Church Road, Snettisham, King's Lynn, PE31 7NW. The polling station will be open from 7am to 10pm.

Local Plan Task Group

The Local Plan Task Group has been working through policies and potential development locations over the past 6-9 months. However it has only been very recently that we have had sufficient clarity about housing numbers from Government to enable us to make realistic choices. We need to have the quantum of houses to plan for the right sizes and locations of sites across the Borough. In trying to finalise the numbers (an approximate minimum figure of 555 units per annum) we are very conscious to try and bring forward the draft plan for consultation as soon as practicable. If possible we will do this very early in the New Year.

Kings Lynn Transport Study

The various issues raised at workshops and other sources have been converted into a "long list".

The building of the microsimulation traffic model of the central area of the town which will be used to test possible transport schemes is reaching completion. The model will test used various scenario suggested from the "long list". It is hoped to present the outcomes of the modelling to Cabinet in the new year.

Meetings Attended

Cabinet Sifting
Cabinet
Various meetings with Officer
Local Plan Task Group
Custom and Self Build Task Group
Environment and Community Panel
Regeneration and Development Panel
Norfolk Strategic Planning Forum
CNC
Wisbech Access Strategy Steering Group
Derelict Land and Building Group
A47 Alliance
Planning Committee