

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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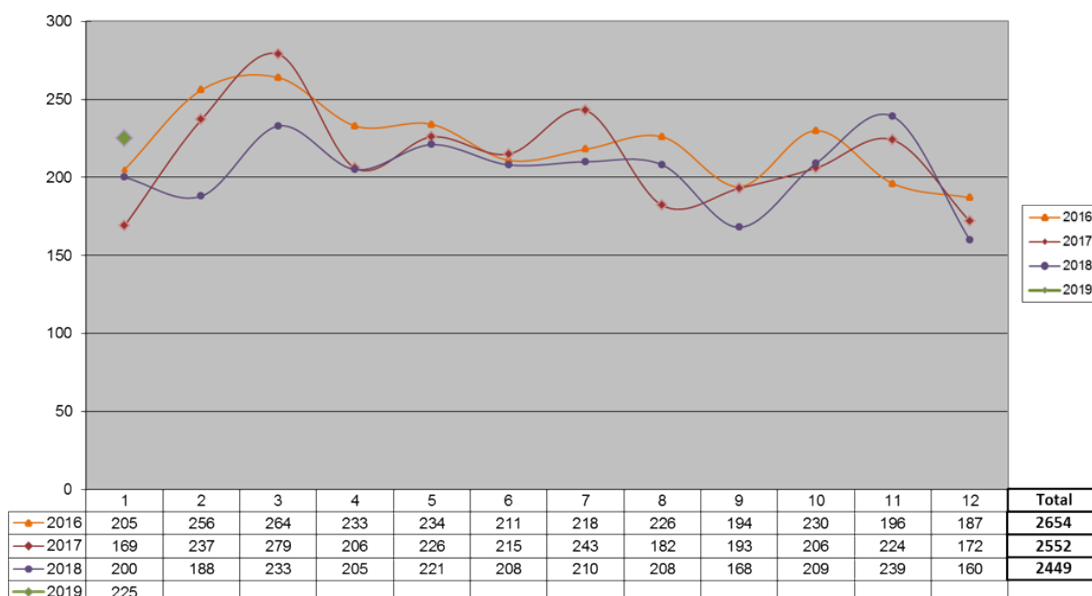
COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

For the period 25 January 2019 to 08 February 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning and discharge of condition applications received

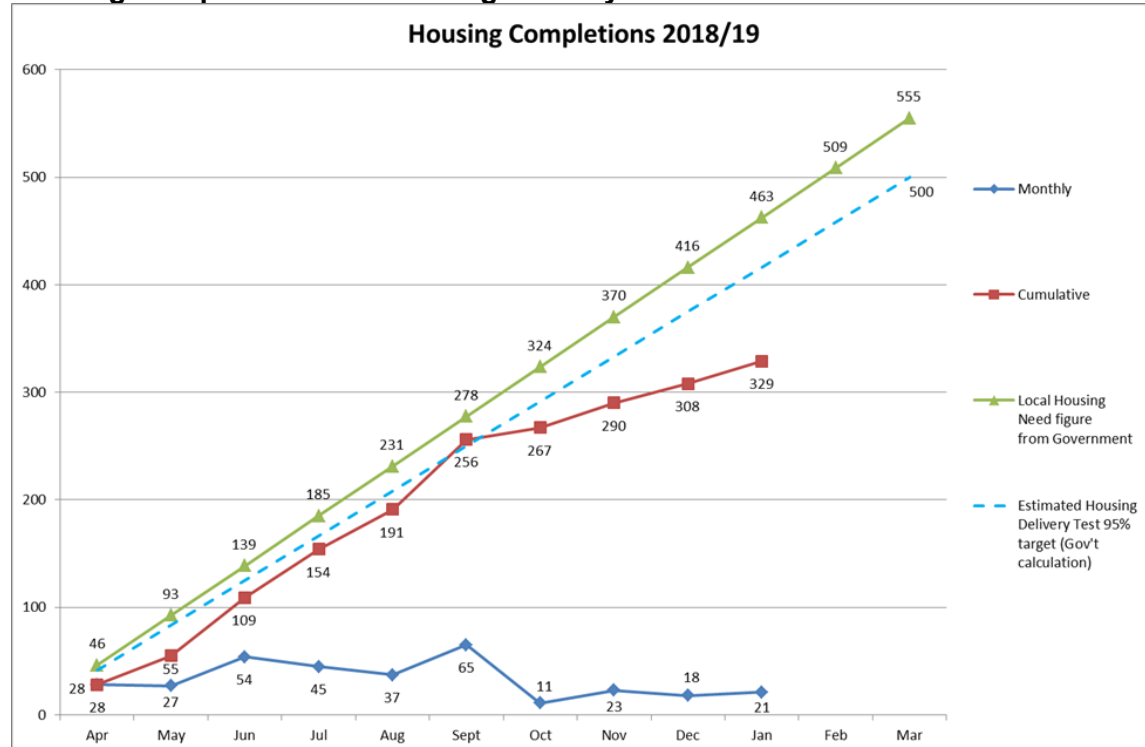


For the financial year 2018/19 a projected income for planning and discharge of condition applications was set at £1,093,030. Monthly monitoring is carried out and at the end of January 2019 income was £1,080,564. Based on income to date it's likely the projected budget will be exceeded by approximately £150,000 by the end of the financial year.

The Gayton Planning Inquiry

Following the quashing of the original decision in the High Court, the new Public Inquiry into the proposed housing site in Gayton starts on the 26 February. It is being held at the South Lynn Community Centre, and starts at 10.00. Four days are set aside for the Inquiry but depending on progress it may not last for the full four days. If further details or information about the appeal is required, please contact Planning Admin on 01553-616234 and the team will be happy to help.

Housing Completions and Housing Delivery Test



Local Plan Task Group

Cabinet agreed a version of the Local Plan Review document for consultation. The consultation will commence in early March.

Activity will include:

- the full version available on line for comment
- an interactive map
- a full suite of background documents
- a series of drop in sessions for the public to ask questions of officers

It is important to stress that the Borough Council is seeking comments on the draft plan, it is not the final version.

Neighbourhood Plans

Recent activity has included:

- An independent review of Brancaster's draft plan before they finalise it.
- Comments made on the Hunstanton and Terrington St. John draft plans.
- A draft of the Upwell plan has been received.
 - Advice given to a number of other parishes and towns including Gayton, Downham Market and Stoke Ferry.

South East King's Lynn Strategic Growth Area

Cabinet agreed in November a series of significant actions to help bring forward the land for development. Following on from the Infrastructure Delivery Plan agreed by Cabinet, discussions are starting with landowners to gain agreement to submit a planning application for a large part of the site.

Work continues on the design of a Housing Access Road, with a view to submission of a planning application at the end of this year. Discussions have been held with parish councils locally and they will be involved further over the next few months.

Custom and Self-Build

Recognising the importance of this sector of housing building not only in terms of housing supply and housing completions but also that allows people to own a home they truly desire to live in The Custom and Self-Build Task Group has prepared a Custom and Self-Build Action Plan for the Borough Council. This covers the various functions of the borough council including planning policy, development management, housing strategy, development / regeneration and the disposal of land. This was endorsed by Cabinet and I look forward to implement the Plan and therefore seeing more housing completed in the Borough this way.

2 Meetings Attended

Portfolio Meeting
Cabinet Sifting
Cabinet
Various meetings with Officer
Local Plan Task Group
Norfolk Strategic Planning Forum
Regeneration and Development Panel
Planning Committee
Planning Sifting
Planning Committee Training
Council