## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

## 4 July 2019

### **COUNCILLOR RICHARD BLUNT - CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT**

For the period 17 May 2019 to 21 June 2019

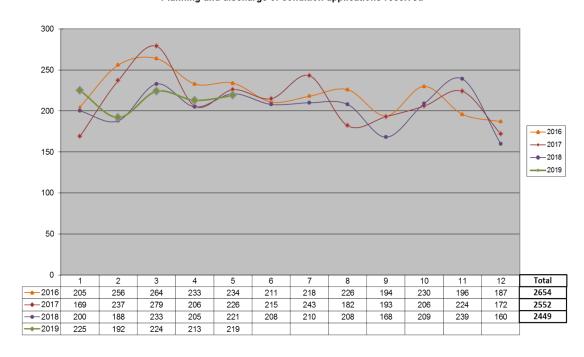
## 1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

# **Planning Applications**

Planning applications received between January and May are consistent with the same period last year, 1047 in 2018 and 1073 in 2019.

Income for the first two months of the financial year is slightly lower than the same period last year but still above projected income, £218,000 in 2018 and £192,000 in 2019.

#### Planning and discharge of condition applications received



## **Housing completions**

Monitoring of housing completions commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year. It's been a healthy start to the year with 112 completions in the first two months, this is double the amount compared to 2018.



#### Planning Appeals – changes to the Public Inquiry process

The Planning Inspectorate is introducing changes to help speed up the appeal decision making process, in particular for appeals being heard by Public Inquiry (PI). Appellants requesting a PI into their appeal must now notify the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and Planning Inspectorate at least 10 days prior to appeal submission. The Planning Inspector will require the LPA to confirm whether a PI is the most appropriate procedure within 1 day of the appeal submission. The Public Inquiry is then likely to take place between 13-16 weeks after appeal submission.

#### **Appeal performance 1/1/19 – 31/5/19**

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	22	5
	81.5%	18.5%
Enforcement appeals	4	1
	80%	20%

The national average figure for planning appeals allowed is around 34%.

## Parish Council update sessions

Sessions are held annually so officers can update Parish Councils on planning matters. Two sessions will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, afternoon and evening, and invitations will be sent in the next few weeks.

#### Local Plan Review consultation

- The consultation closed on 29 April and all comments have been recorded.
- Some 1252 comments and new / amended sites have been received

   these are being analysed.
- Proposed actions and changes will be discussed at the Local Plan Task Group over the next few meetings.

# **Neighbourhood Plans (NP)**

- The Sedgeford NP is at Examination.
- Significant statutory stages have been reached at Thornham and Holme.
- Gayton, Terrington St John and Castle Acre are reaching a draft plan stage.

#### 2 Meetings Attended

Portfolio Meeting

Cabinet Sifting

Cabinet

Cabinet Briefings

Various meetings with officers

Planning Committee

Planning Sifting

Planning Committee Training

Council

IT Training

Wisbech Access Strategy Steering Group Project Meeting