

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

5 September 2019

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For the period 5 July 2019 to 23 August 2019

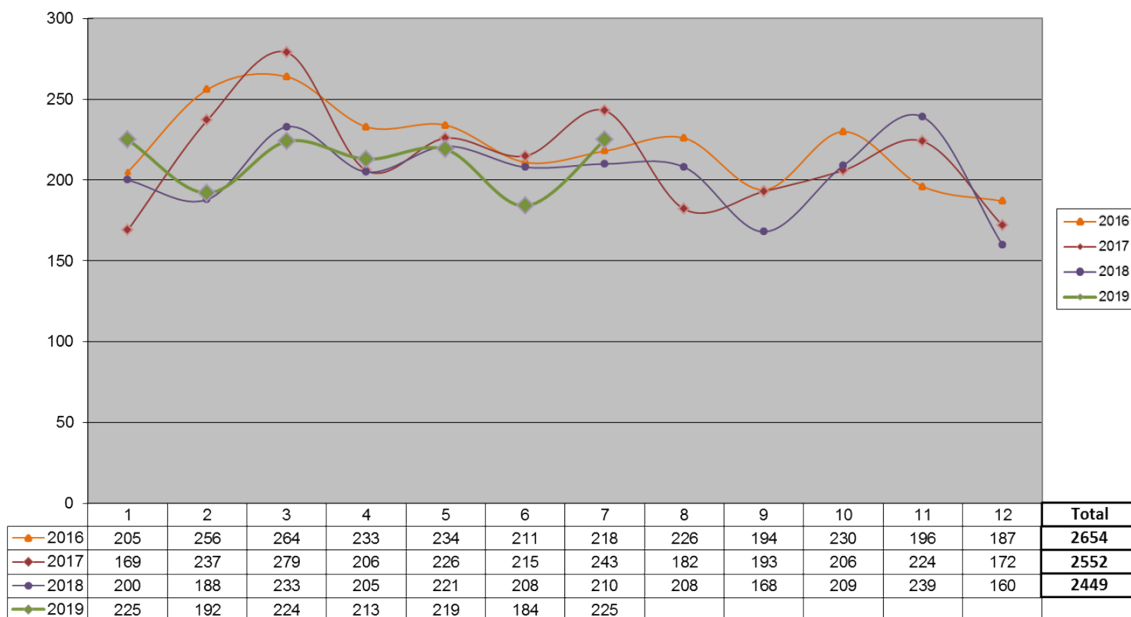
1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning applications received between January and July continues to be consistent with the same period last year, 1465 in 2018 and 1482 in 2019.

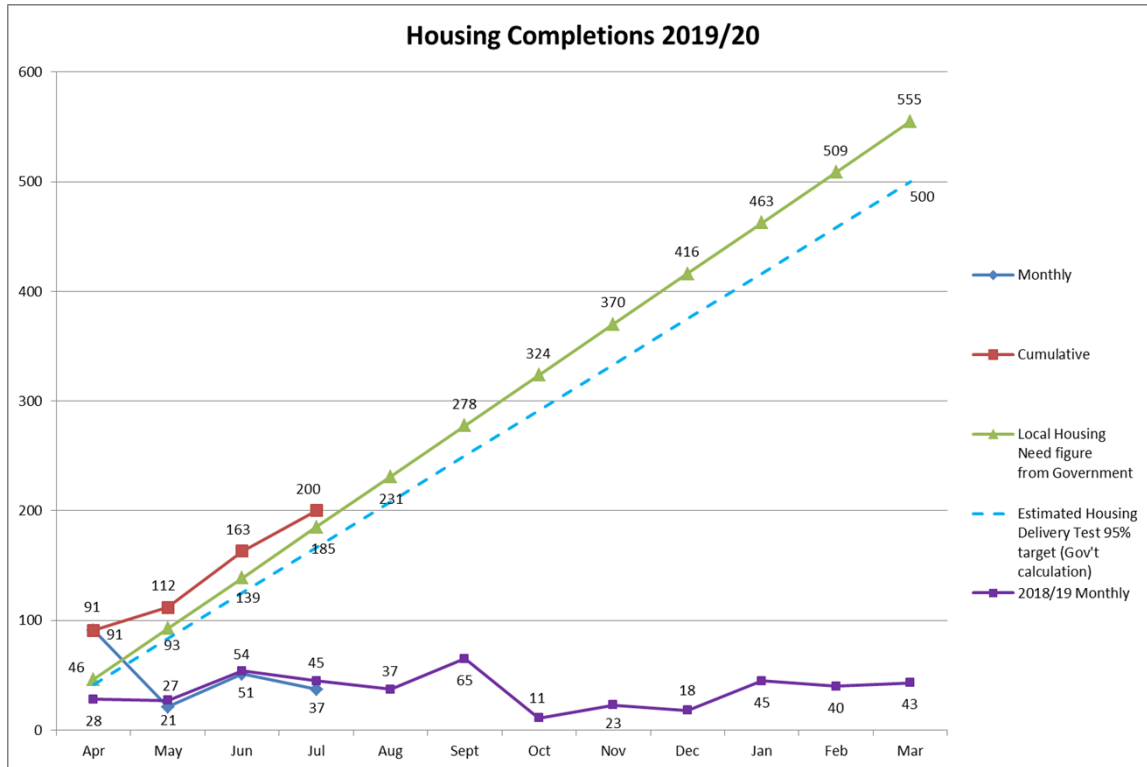
Income for the first four months of the financial year is lower than the same period last year but still above projected income, £429,000 in 2018 and £390,000 in 2019.

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Housing Completions

Completions are performing well and currently just above the Local Housing Need figure from Government. 200 completions at the end of July 2019 compared to 154 in 2018.



Planning Appeals – Knights Hill

The outline planning application to provide up to 600 dwellings was refused in March 2019. If the decision is appealed it's almost certain this will be dealt with by Public Inquiry. Members will recall from my report to Council on 4th July 2019 that the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) is introducing changes to help speed up the appeal decision process, commencing with Public Inquiries. As soon as PINs confirm the appeal submission is valid then the appeal process formally commences with an expected Inquiry between weeks 13 and 16, therefore potentially before Christmas. There are various formal stages leading up to the Inquiry, including preparing and submitting proofs of evidence.

Appeal Performance 1/1/19 – 31/7/19

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	28	5
	85%	15%
Enforcement appeals	5	1
	83%	17%

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

Housing Delivery Test

You may recall that the BC Housing delivery test result for 2018 is 91%, this means we needed to prepare an Action Plan.

Accordingly, the BC Housing Delivery Test Action Plan has been written. It is planned to present it to Cabinet at the September Meeting

CIL Governance

We are moving towards the definition of a scheme for governance of future CIL spending. The Regeneration and Development Panel will be asked to consider developing the process.

Neighbourhood Plans

There is a large degree of activity in this field across the Borough. Below is a list of Neighbourhood Plan progress to date. Currently approximately 1/3rd of the Borough is covered by a 'Made' or emerging Neighbourhood Plans. This means that there could be different policy frameworks in place for each parish with a 'Made' Neighbourhood Plan. Policies within such plans must be taken into account when determining planning permissions within such an area. There is also the possibility that existing Neighbourhood Plans could be reviewed, such a Brancaster which is one of the first in the country to undertake this.

Area Designated & working towards draft plan & 1st Consultation	Post 1st Consultation working towards 2nd consultation	Post examination / Referendum Stage	Made /Adopted
Brancaster Review	Holme next-to-Sea	Sedgeford	Brancaster
Castle Acre	Hunstanton		Snettisham
Dersingham	Terrington St. John		South Wootton
Downham Market	Tilney All Saints		West Winch & North Ruction (Joint)
Gayton	Upwell		Walpole Cross Keys
Grimston, Roydon & Congham (Joint)			
Heacham			
Old Hunstanton			
Outwell			
Pentney			
Stoke Ferry			
Thornham			

Meetings Attended

Portfolio Meetings
Cabinet Sifting
Cabinet

Various meetings with officers
Planning Committee
Planning Sifting
Planning Committee Training
Council
Local Plan Task Group
Appointment Board
Custom and Self Build Task Group
Regeneration and Development Panel
Norfolk strategic planning member forum