

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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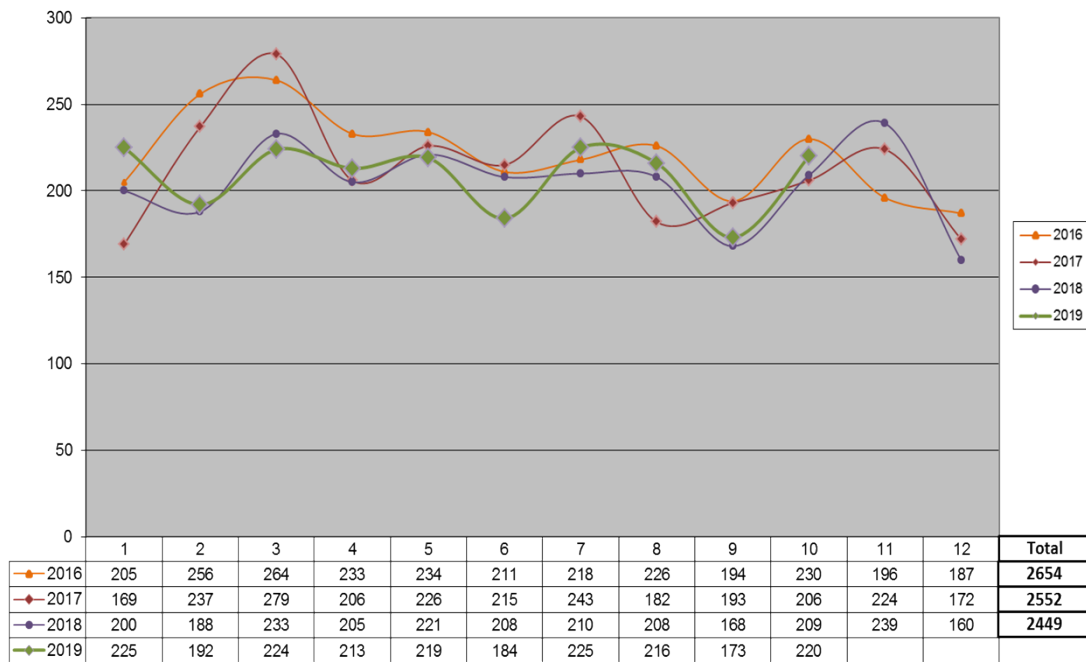
For the period 18 October to 15 November 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

Planning applications received between January and October is slightly higher than the same period last year, 2050 in 2018 and 2091 in 2019.

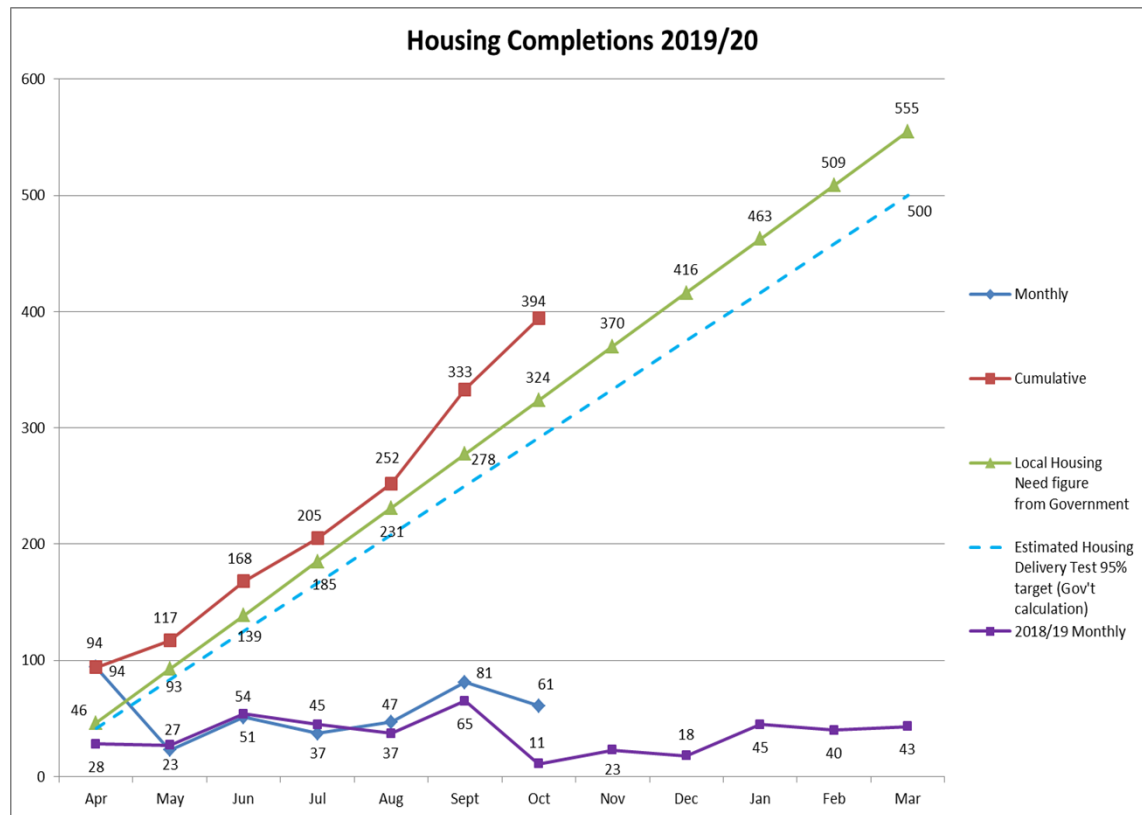
Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Income for the first six months of the financial year is lower than the same period last year, £733,572 in 2018 and £624,506 in 2019. Income is now £25,000 lower than projected for the year 2019/20.

Housing Completions

61 completions in October. 394 completions in the first seven months of 2019, April – October, compared to 267 in 2018, 70 above the projected Local Housing Need figure set by Government.



Appeal Performance 1/1/19 – 31/10/19

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	43	8
	84%	16%
Enforcement appeals	8	2
	80%	20%

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

Planning Appeals – Knights Hill

On 31 October notification was received confirming the Secretary of State will determine the appeal instead of the Inspector. This means that instead of writing a decision, the Inspector will prepare a report and recommendation, which will be forwarded to the Secretary of State who will make the final decision. The target date by when the Inspector's report will be submitted to the Secretary of State is 14 April 2020. Currently there is no indication when the Secretary of State will issue the decision.

The Inspector will open the Inquiry at 10.00am on Tuesday 14 January 2020 and it is scheduled to close on Friday 17 January. The first three days will be held at The Great Barn, Knights Hill Hotel and the final day will be held in the Assembly Room, Town Hall.

A further notification letter will be sent to everyone who made representations; this will confirm the venues and dates for the Inquiry.

Kings Lynn Transport Strategy

The strategy is a joint strategy to be agreed by KLWNBC and NCC, as a consequence the approval process needs to be completed by both the KLWNBC and NCC.

The timetable below shows how this will be achieved.

KLWNBC Regeneration and Development Committee on 28 January 2020

NCC Infrastructure and Development Select Committee on 29 January 2020

NCC Cabinet on 3 February 2020

KLWNBC Cabinet on 4 February 2020

Local Plan Task Group

The Task Group continues to assess the responses to the consultation, with very thorough discussions on potential policy changes. We have met more frequently than anticipated, and will also devote extra time in the new year. However there is an impact on the timetable as a result.

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 Plan. 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 as Brancaster which is one of the first in the country to undertake this.

Officers recently held a Custom & Self-Build seminar for Neighbourhood Plan groups this was well attended with approximately 10 groups represented.

Officers have also met with a number of community groups within the unparished area of King's Lynn who are interested in establishing a formal Neighbourhood Forum, as there is no Parish/Town Council in order to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area. This is a slightly more complicated process, however a number of communities have been through this in country and produced plans.

Meetings Attended

Portfolio Meetings,
Planning Committee Training,
Local Plan Task Group,
Custom and Self Build Task Group
Cabinet
Custom and Self Build Task Group
Meeting with Leader
Cabinet Sifting
Council Governance Meeting

