

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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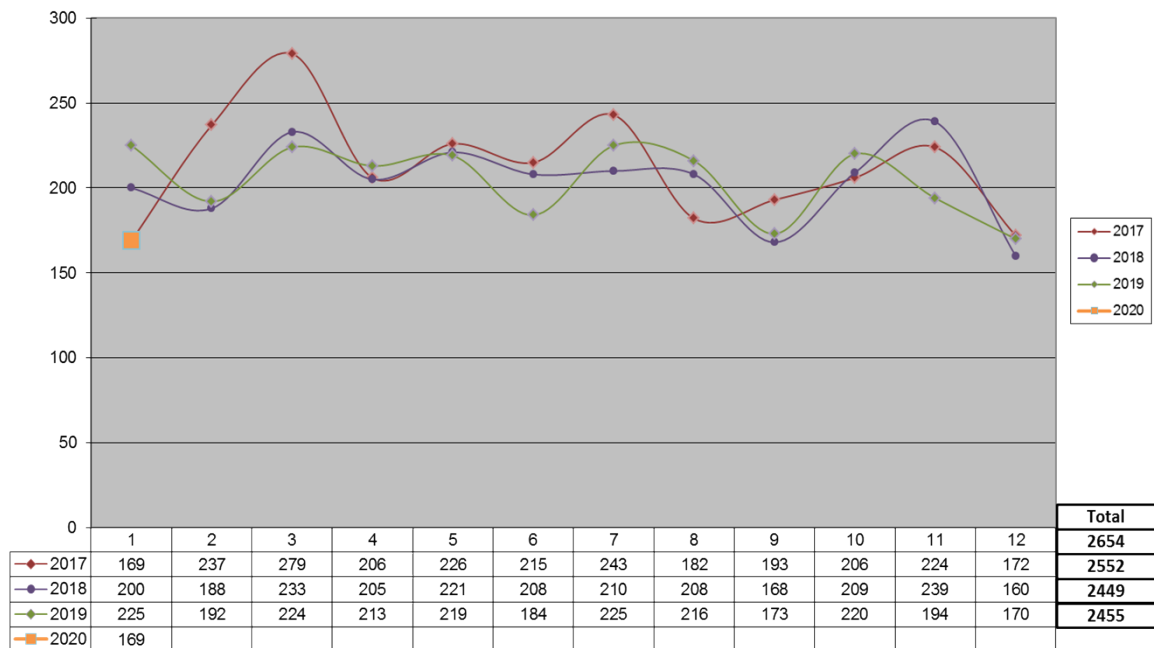
For the period 11 January 2020 to 14 February 2020

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning Applications

169 planning applications received in January 2020.

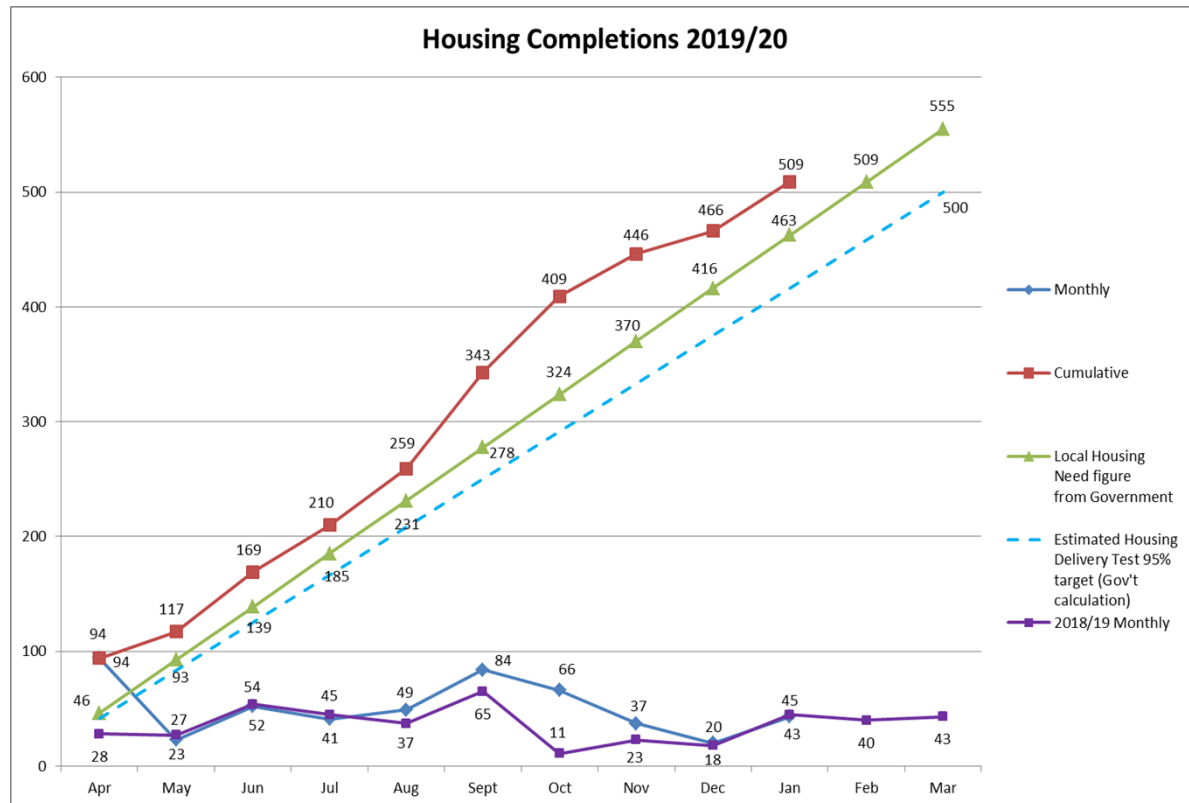
Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Income for the first ten months of the financial year is lower than the same period last year, £1,091,496 in 2018/19 and £944,725 in 2019/20. However, income is now £38,000 higher than projected for the year 2019/20. A balance of £156,000 is required over the remaining two months to achieve the income target of £1,163,650.

Housing Completions

43 completions in January, 509 completions in the first ten months of 2019/20, April – January, compared to 353 in 2018/19, 46 above the projected Local Housing Need figure of 555 set by Government.



Appeal Performance 1/1/19 – 31/12/19

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	49	10
	83%	17%
Enforcement appeals	9	1
	90%	10%

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

Clenchwarton appeal .

The Planning Inspector has dismissed the appeal on part of the former Fosters site in Clenchwarton, following a day long Hearing. The Hearing was well attended by local residents, who had the opportunity to have their say on the proposals. The Inspector concluded that the proposed development was fundamentally contrary to established Local & National planning policies on development in the countryside and flood risk, and as the Council had in excess of a 5 year supply of housing sites, there was no reason to go against those policies.

Housing Delivery Test (HDT)

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) have published the HDT 2019 results. The BCKLWN result is 83%.

This means:

- We have 6 months to update our Action Plan (13/08/2020) including progress on the actions within.
- A 20% buffer is now applied in our 5Yr housing land supply calculation. Consequently 8.42 goes down to 7.37 years 'worth of supply'
- Note that from next year, and onwards, if the result dips below 75% the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' is engaged
- Indicatively this FY's (2019/20) completions should be higher, however the number of homes required over the 3 year period increases
- The Gov have yet to decide how Local Housing Need (LHN) should be calculated going forward.

KLWNBC Result

Number of homes required			Total number of homes required	Number of homes delivered			Total number of homes delivered	HDT 2019
2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		measurement consequence
500	448	556	1,504	412	401	432	1,245	83% Buffer

Neighbourhood Plans

It is important to remember than once completed a neighbourhood plan becomes part of the formal local development plan and is used in the plan decision making process to guide and steer development within that area. There are now almost 40 parishes and local communities involved in the Neighbourhood Plan process. Recent activity includes:

- Holme next-to-Sea have passed their examination and it is anticipated that the local referendum will be held shortly
- Upwell have submitted their plan to the Borough Council, a consultation has been carried out; and their examination will commence imminently
- Both Marshland St. James and Ingoldisthopre have started their journey with their areas being formally designated

Local Plan Task Group

The Local Plan continues to be reviewed by the Local Plan Task Group. The process has taken a little longer than originally envisaged. This has been due to the many changes to national policy recently, not least how housing numbers should be calculated. The change in composition of the Borough Council following the local elections last year has also had an impact upon the timetable with a shift in direction and a greater degree of detail. With this in mind a revised timetable for the Local Plan review has been prepared and this indicates that the pre-submission version of the plan should be published Q3 this year and following this the plan submitted for examination.

Meetings Attended

Portfolio Meetings,
Planning Committee
Planning Committee Sifting
Local Plan Task Group,
Custom and Self Build Task Group
Cabinet
Cabinet Briefings
Cabinet Sifting
Regeneration and Development Panel
NCC Infrastructure Committee

