

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

3rd December 2020

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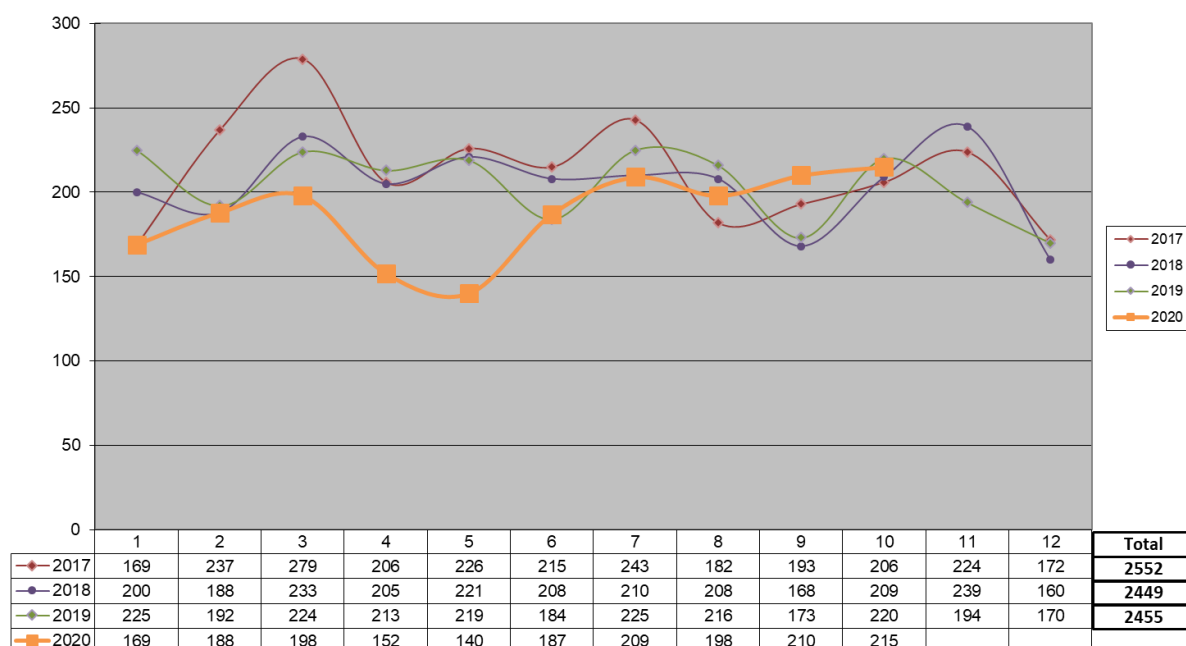
For the period from 2 October 2020 to 20th November 2020

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning and Discharge of Conditions applications received

The volume of applications received continues to be high, October was the highest month this year so far.

Planning and discharge of condition applications received



Major and Minor dwelling applications received comparison

	1/1/18 – 11/11/18	1/1/19 – 11/9/19	1/1/20 – 11/11/20
No. of Major dwelling applications rec'd	21	26	17
No. of Minor dwelling applications rec'd	340	379	241

*Minor dwelling applications = up to 10 units

Major dwelling applications = over 10 units

Revenue income

Income for 2020/21

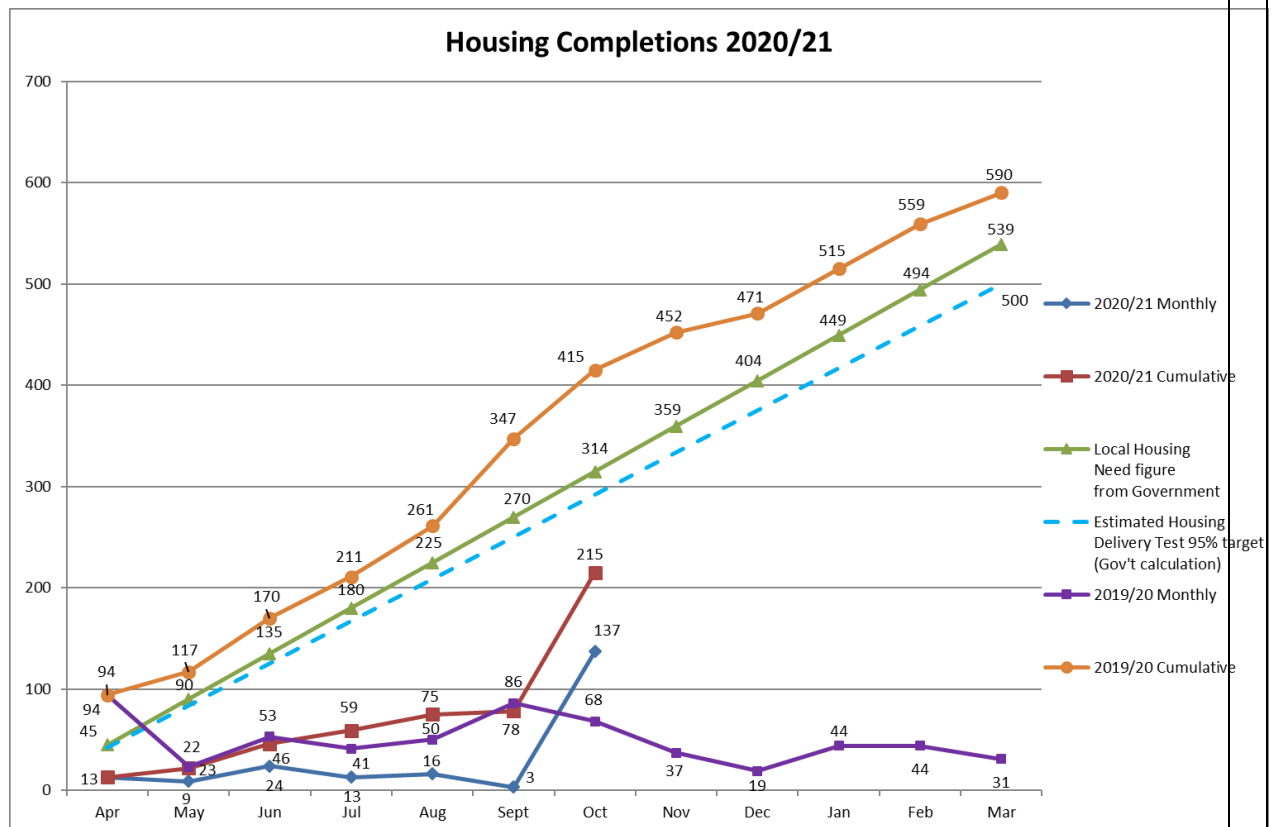
Projected	Actual	Variance
Apr - Oct	Apr - Oct	
£678,796	£822,878	+ £144,082

Housing Completions

Completions are still considerably lower in comparison to the same time last year. 215 completions between April and October compared to 415 for the same period in 2019.

A high number of completions are reported in October, 137. A combination of resources being available to check all sources of data in more detail and the fact construction sites commenced again after the first Covid lockdown.

We continue to wait to see if the Government will announce if the Local Housing Need figure will be reduced to reflect the impacts of Covid-19.



Appeal Performance – decisions made by The Planning Inspectorate 1/1/20 – 31/10/20

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	26	12
	68%	32%
Enforcement appeals	4	1
	80%	20%

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

Local Plan review Update

Good progress is being made to finalise the document (and supporting documentation) to enable consideration and agreement by Cabinet and Council.

- The Local Plan Task Group will be holding a meeting on 2 December to finalise changes to the policies in the draft Plan.
- Supporting information in the form of the Sustainability Appraisal is being finalised.
- Other material including; the Viability Assessment; Habitats Regulation Assessment Report; and Duty to Co-operate Statement are in final preparation.
- Initial preparations are being made to put the document into our consultation system.
- This is a priority piece of work for the Council

Neighbourhood Plans Update

Activity has not only continued with this significant area of work but has intensified over the last few months. Within the Borough there are in the region of 33 parish/town councils involved in the Neighbourhood Plan process. Below is summary of some of those that are reaching crucial stages:

Awaiting referendum due to pandemic:

- **Holme next to sea:** passed examination, can be given full weight in decision making process. Awaiting referendum due to pandemic
- **Upwell:** passed examination, can be given full weight in decision making process. Awaiting referendum due to pandemic

In progress:

- **Brancaster review:** This one of the first reviews in the country, finishing the regulation 16 consultation stage on Monday 23rd November- examination taking place shortly after.
- **Thornham:** Completed the examination stage- now in the decision-making stage soon as to whether it can go to referendum.
- **Tilney All Saints:** Currently in the consultation reg. 16 stage running until Mon 28th Dec (examination follow new year)
- **Castle Acre:** Currently in the consultation reg. 16 stage running until Mon 21st Dec (examination follow new year)
- **Hunstanton:** Health check completed soon will submit for reg.16 consultation
- **Heacham:** Health check completed, preparations will take place on drafting NP and then will be submitted for reg.16 consultation
- **Terrington St John:** Soon may be at a stage to go to their reg.16 consultation stage
- **Others which have progressed significantly:** Gayton and Stoke Ferry
- **New ones that have started and we have been in discussion with this year:**

Watlington, Marshland St. James

- **Exploring their options:** Walpole

Meetings Attended (via Teams Zoom and Youtube)

Portfolio Meetings,
Planning Committee
Planning Committee Sifting
Local Plan Task Group
Cabinet
Cabinet Briefings and Updates
Cabinet Sifting
Regeneration and Development Panel
Corporate Performance Panel
Various Meetings with Officers

