

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

13 July 2023

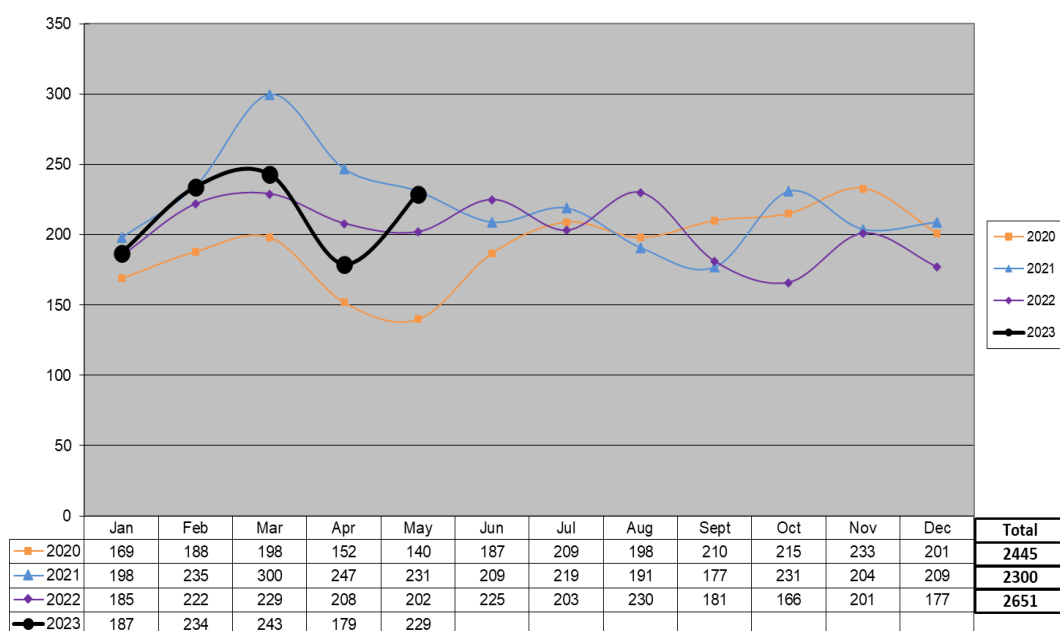
COUNCILLOR JIM MORIARTY – DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

For the period 19 May to 3 July 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Planning and Discharge of Conditions applications received

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There was a dip in applications received in April but increased again in May. Currently applications are up 26 compared to the same time last year.

Progress with recruitment

Recruitment continues to be challenging.

We have been unsuccessful in recruiting a Principal Planner in Development Management. Also unsuccessful in recruiting a replacement for the current Planning Policy Manager who leaves in August.

The closing date for a Technical Support Officer has just passed and officers are shortlisting

in preparation for interviews.

There has been success in appointing to the Monitoring and Compliance Officer role, internal promotion.

A Principal Planner, Assistant Planner and Graduate Planner have all been appointed and have already commenced.

Major and Minor dwelling applications and householder applications received comparison

Major and Householder applications dropped compared to the same period last year, but minor applications were slightly higher.

	1/6/20 – 31/5/21	1/6/21 – 31/5/22	1/6/22 – 31/5/23
No. of Major dwelling applications rec'd	28	20	16
No. of Minor dwelling applications rec'd	342	299	332
No. of Householder applications rec'd	893	822	699
Total	1263	1141	1047

*Minor dwelling applications = up to 10 units

Major dwelling applications = over 10 units

2022/23 performance for determining planning applications 1/6/22 – 31/5/23

	National target	Performance
Major	60%	82%
Non – Major	70%	86%

Appeal Performance – decisions made by The Planning Inspectorate 1/6/22 – 31/5/23

	Dismissed	Allowed
Planning appeals	23	10
	69.7%	30.3%
Enforcement appeals	3	0
	100%	0%

The higher the number of appeals allowed, the more The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) is going against the council's decisions, so a low figure of appeals allowed (upheld) is clearly preferable. For context the national average for planning appeals allowed annually has historically been around 34% post NPPF.

Revenue income 2023/24

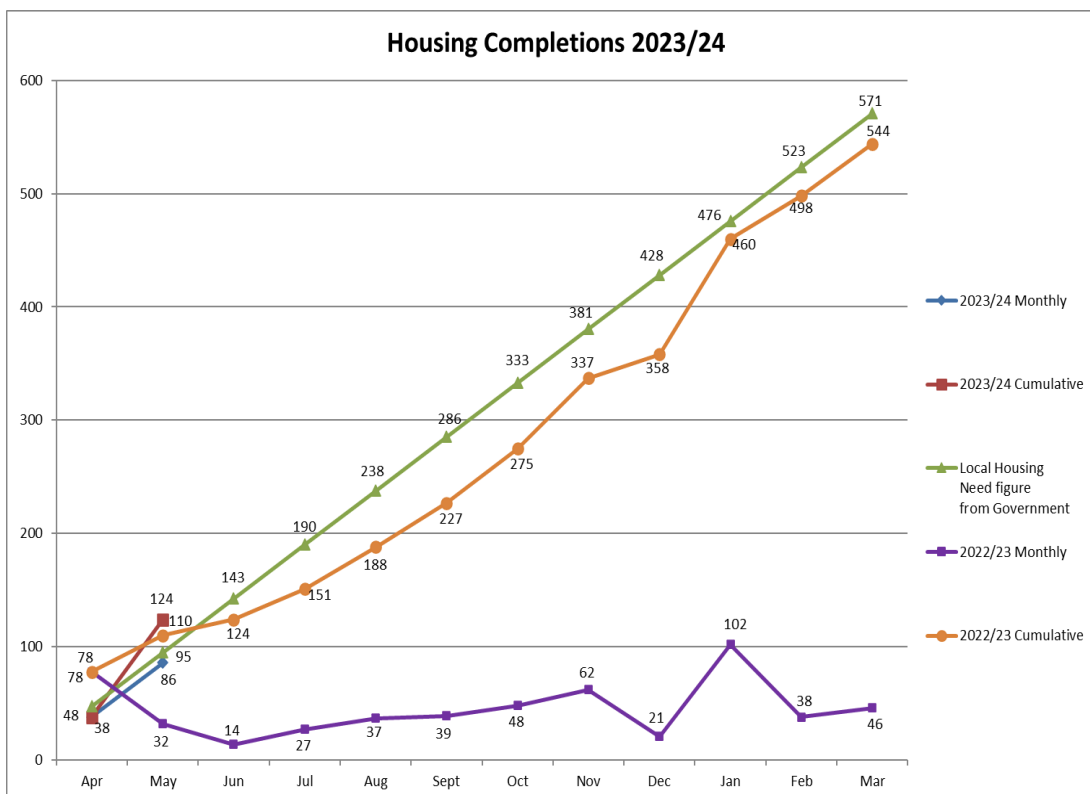
Income for Planning and Discharge of Condition applications is slightly below projected for the financial year 2023/24.

As part of the budget monitoring process the year end income figure has been adjusted from £1,100,000 to £1,500,000 and this has been reflected in the table below. Full year projected income is £1,600,000

Projected	Actual	Variance with projected
April 23 – May 23	April 23 – May 23	
£266,667	£241,519	-£25,148

Housing Completions

36 houses completions in April and 86 in May. Currently completions are up 29 on projected based on a local housing need figure from Government of 571.



Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

CIL is collected on commencement of develop relating to residential dwellings (including Annexes), retail warehouses and supermarkets. Total CIL payments received to date is £5.4m with £862,887 paid directly to 79 Parishes, where development has taken place.

Close of Accounts FY22/23

- Total CIL Income for FY £1.25m
- Parish payments made in FY £238,545.78
- £934k transferred – to be allocated and spent on CIL Infrastructure Funds.

CIL Infrastructure Funds

Overall Totals to date					
Received	£3,937,307.26	Total Allocated	Matchfunded	Total Matchfunded	
TORs Returned - Total Projects Formally Allocated	£2,696,614.43	£2,696,614.43			
Allocated & Spent	£1,355,700.31		£991,823.37	£2,520,963.82	97.68%
Allocated Not Spent	£1,340,914.12		£1,510,069.50		
Not Allocated	£1,240,692.83				

CIL Funding Applications

There is £1.2m to be allocated in the next round of Funding applications, which will open 8am on 01 July and close 5pm 01 August.

The current list of funding criteria is:

- **Infrastructure Projects funding over £30,001:** 18+ Adult Education Infrastructure Projects, Green Infrastructure Projects, Leisure Time Activities Infrastructure
- **Infrastructure Projects funding of £2,000 and up to £30,000** - Education – local initiatives, Health, Economic Development, Community Facilities, Green Infrastructure, Open Space and Leisure

This list will be reviewed by the Spending Panel later in the year, to meet the changing needs and aspirations of the Borough to support future infrastructure.

Local Plan

An updated Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA), dated June 2023, has been submitted to the Inspectors. The Inspectors have responded inviting the Council to undertake work to identify a supply of sites sufficient to meet the accommodation needs identified in the GTAA, for consideration as part of the Examination of the Local Plan

The GTAA will be subject to consultation in due course alongside the further evidence. The documents can be viewed on the website [Latest examination news | Latest examination news | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk \(west-norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/latest-examination-news)

Medworth

The Examination into the proposed energy from waste plant is ongoing and is due to be concluded by the end of summer. Councillors and officers have attended relevant sessions, and made representations as necessary throughout the process.

Neighbourhood Plans

There are currently 34 designated Neighbourhood areas. Neighbourhood Plans are progressing as follows:

- 14 “made” Neighbourhood Plans, including recent reviews/ updates to the Holme Next The Sea and South Wootton Neighbourhood Plans, confirmed in April and January 2023, respectively;
- 14 Neighbourhood Plans actively progressing (further details below); and

- 6 Neighbourhood Plans for which current progress is unknown or stalled.

Actively progressing Neighbourhood Plans are as follows:

- Burnham Market: designated October 2021; Regulation 16 consultation February/ March 2023; examination commenced April 2023 (ongoing, as at June 2023)
- Gayton and Gayton Thorpe: designated May 2017; Regulation 16 consultation February/ March 2023; examination commenced April 2023 (ongoing, as at June 2023)
- Great Massingham: designated June 2021
- Grimston, Congham & Roydon (Joint NP): designated October 2017; Regulation 16 consultation May/ June 2023; examination commencing July 2023
- Marshland St James: designated January 2020
- North Wootton: designated June 2021; Reg 14 consultation March – May 2023
- Old Hunstanton: designated July 2018; examination due to conclude June/ July 2023 (awaiting publication of final Examiner's Report)
- Ringstead: designated February 2021; SEA/ HRA screening consultation March/ April 2023 – decision awaited
- Pentney: designated January 2018; Reg 14 consultation March – May 2023
- Syderstone: designated December 2022
- Shouldham: designated March 2023
- Stoke Ferry: designated October 2018; approved for referendum, 14 June 2023; referendum scheduled 24 August 2023
- Walpole: designated July 2022
- Watlington: designated March 2020; Regulation 16 consultation May/ June 2023; examination commencing July 2023