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| <b>Update on Development Management &amp; Enforcement Statistics:</b>                             | <b>27 February 2019</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Period 01 April 2018 – 31 January 2019</b></li> </ul> |                         |
| <b>Planning Committee</b>   |                         |

| <b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b> |  |
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| <b>Strategic Theme</b>                       | Protecting and Enhancing our Environments and Assets   |
| <b>Outcome</b>                               | Pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>                          | Head of Planning   |
| <b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>                 | N/A  |

## **FOR NOTING**

### **1.0 Background**

The "Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee" sets out the requirement to provide monthly updates on the number of planning applications received and decided.

### **2.0 Details**

**2.1** [Website link 1](#) and [Website Link 2](#) provide a list of planning applications received and decided respectively by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in the month of January 2019. Please note that Pre-Application Discussions; Certificates of Lawful Development – Proposed or Existing; Discharge of Conditions and Non-Material Changes, have to be excluded from the reports to correspond with official validated statistics published by DFI.

**2.2** Table 1 below details the number of Major planning applications received and decided as well as the average processing times. Please note that these figures are unvalidated statistics. In comparison to the same period last year, the number of major applications received has decreased by 2 as the same period last year however the number of major applications decided has increased by 6.

**Table 1**

| <b>Major applications (target of 30 weeks)</b> |                        |                                  |  |   |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
|  | <b>Number received</b> | <b>Number decided/ withdrawn</b> | <b>Average processing time (weeks)</b> | <b>% of cases processed within 30 weeks</b> |
| April - June Q1                                | 4                      | 1                                | 357                                    | 0%  |
| July - Sept Q2                                 | 5                      | 6                                | 116.3                                  | 0%  |
| Oct - Dec (Q3)                                 | 3                      | 4                                |  |   |
| <b>Year to date</b>                            | <b>12</b>              | <b>11</b>                        | <b>52.2</b>                            | <b>9.1%</b>                                 |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics.

2.3 Table 2 below details the number of Local planning applications received and decided as well as the average processing times. Please note these figures are unvalidated statistics. In comparison to the same period last year, the number of decisions issued has increased by 122 applications (14.8% increase) and more decisions have been issued than applications received.

**Table 2**

| <b>Local applications (target of 15 weeks)</b> |                        |  |  |   |
|--|------------------------|--|--|---|
|  | <b>Number received</b> | <b>Number decided/ withdrawn<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Average processing time<sup>2</sup> (weeks)</b> | <b>% of cases processed within 15 weeks</b> |
| April – June (Q1)                              | 297                    | 312  | 23.7   | 33.7%                                       |
| July – Sept (Q2)                               | 285                    | 304  | 22.6   | 36.5%                                       |
| Oct – Dec (Q3)                                 | 332                    | 328  |  |   |
| <b>Year to date</b>                            | <b>914</b>             | <b>944</b>                                   | <b>22.9</b>  | <b>35.7%</b>                                |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics; Excludes: Pre-Application Discussions; Proposal of Application Notices; Certificate of Lawful Development Proposed or Existing; Discharge of Conditions; Non-Material Change.

2.4 Table 3 below details the number of Enforcement cases opened and concluded as well as the percentage of cases concluded within the target of 39 weeks. Please note these figures are unvalidated statistics. In comparison to the same period last year, the number of cases brought to conclusion has increased by 12 and the percentage of cases concluded within the 39 weeks increasing to 77.6% ytd.

**Table 3**

| <b>Enforcement Cases Concluded (target of 39 weeks)</b> |                      |                                     |                                    |   |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|   | <b>Number opened</b> | <b>Number brought to conclusion</b> | <b>70% conclusion time (weeks)</b> | <b>% of cases concluded within 39 weeks</b> |
| April – June (Q1)                                       | 71                   | 100                                 | 33.2                               | 86%   |
| July – Sept (Q2)  | 78                   | 84                                  | 35.5                               | 75%   |
| Oct – Dec (Q3)  | 65                   | 84                                  |                                    |   |
| <b>Year to date</b>                                     | <b>214</b>           | <b>268</b>                          | <b>33.9</b>                        | <b>77.6%</b>                                |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

**2.6** Resources continue to be targeted to reduce the over 12 month applications. Table 4 below provides a further breakdown of the over 12 month applications in the system and also the percentage of over 12 months applications in relation to the number of live planning applications. The monitoring of these figures continues in line with the Over 12 Month Action Plan and staff are conscious of the need to prioritise their efforts in this area of work. The aim is for progress to be evident in this area by end of Q4.

**Table 4 Breakdown of over 12 month applications (April - Oct 2018)**

| <b>Applications</b>                                  | <b>End Q1<br/>18/19</b> | <b>End Q2<br/>18/19</b> | <b>End Q3<br/>2018</b> | <b>Jan<br/>2019</b> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 12-18 months   | 85                      | 92                      | 75                     | 70                  |
| 18-24 months   | 24                      | 32                      | 35                     | 29                  |
| >24 months   | 26                      | 28                      | 34                     | 35                  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>135</b>              | <b>152</b>              | <b>144</b>             | <b>134</b>          |
| Live Applications                                    | 782                     | 764                     | 774                    | 749                 |
| <b>% of Live<br/>Applications over<br/>12 months</b> | <b>17.26%</b>           | <b>19.9%</b>            | <b>18.6%</b>           | <b>17.9%</b>        |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics; Excludes: Pre-Application Discussions; Certificate of Lawful Development Proposed or Existing; Discharge of Conditions; Non-Material Change.

**2.7** Table 5 below details the number of appeal decisions issued since 1 April 2018. Please note that these figures relating to planning application decisions only are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports.

**Table 5 Appeals to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC)**

| <b>Appeal Decisions</b>              | <b>Q1<br/>18/19</b> | <b>Q2<br/>18/19</b> | <b>Q3<br/>18/19</b> | <b>Jan<br/>2019</b> | <b>%<br/>YTD</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Upheld                               | 4                   | 0                   | 1                   | 0                   | 29.4%            |
| Dismissed                            | 0                   | 4                   | 6                   | 2                   | 70.6%            |
| Cumulative Total<br>Appeal Decisions | 4                   | 8                   | 15                  | 17                  |                  |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

**2.8** Table 6 details the number of referral requests received from Elected Members and Head of Planning under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation. From April 2018 until January 2019, 43 referral recommendations were determined by the Planning Committee, 41.9% of which have been overturned.

**Table 6. Referrals Requested in April – December 2018**

| Referral Request | Requestor            | Application Ref  | Date of Planning Committee | Committee Recommendation Agree/Disagree |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Q1</b>        | Cllr A Callan        | LA01/2017/1270/O | 22/08/2018<br>28/11/2018   | Defer<br>Defer                          |
|                  | Cllr A Robinson      | LA01/2017/1436/O | 23/05/2018                 | Disagree                                |
|                  | Cllr B Chivers       | LA01/2017/1348/F |                            | Referral<br>Withdrawn                   |
|                  | Cllr A McLean        | LA01/2017/0345/F | 24/10/2018                 | Agree                                   |
|                  | Cllr M Fielding      | LA01/2017/1534/O | 26/09/2018                 | Agree                                   |
|                  | Cllr M Fielding      | LA01/2017/1562/F |                            | Referral<br>Withdrawn                   |
|                  | Cllr M Fielding      | LA01/2018/0038/F |                            | Referral<br>Withdrawn                   |
|                  | Cllr A McLean        | LA01/2017/1183/F | 28/11/2018                 | Defer                                   |
|                  | Cllr A Callan        | LA01/2017/1033/F |                            | Application<br>Withdrawn                |
|                  | Cllr R Loftus        | LA01/2017/1518/O | 27/06/2018                 | Agree                                   |
|                  | Cllr M Fielding      | LA01/2018/0070/F |                            | Referral<br>Withdrawn                   |
|                  | Cllr A McLean        | LA01/2017/0016/F | 26/09/2018                 | Disagree                                |
|                  | Cllr B Douglas       | LA01/2017/1233/F | 22/08/2018                 | Disagree                                |
|                  | Cllr N Hillis        | LA01/2015/0459F  | 27/06/2018<br>24/10/2018   | Defer                                   |
|                  | Cllr B Chivers       | LA01/2017/1599/O |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr A Robinson      | LA01/2017/0625/F | 24/10/2018                 | Hold for<br>amendments                  |
|                  | Cllr K<br>Mulholland | LA01/2017/1001/F |                            | Referral<br>Withdrawn                   |
|                  | Cllr C McShane       | LA01/2017/1492/F | 24/10/2018                 | Disagree                                |
|                  | Ald A Robinson       | LA01/2018/0162/O | 28/11/2018                 | Application<br>Withdrawn                |
|                  | Ald A Robinson       | LA01/2017/1605/O |                            | Application<br>Withdrawn                |
|                  | Cllr S Quigley       | LA01/2017/1580/O | 22/08/2018<br>24/10/2018   | Defer<br>Agree                          |
|                  | Ald A Robinson       | LA01/2017/1449/O | 23/01/2019                 | Defer                                   |
|                  | Ald A Robinson       | LA01/2017/1178/F | 24/10/2018                 | Application<br>Withdrawn                |
| <b>Q2</b>        | Cllr R Loftus        | LA01/2016/1370/O | 28/11/2018<br>19/12/2018   | Defer<br>Agree                          |
|                  | Cllr M Fielding      | LA01/2017/0555/F | 24/10/2018                 | Disagree                                |
|                  | Cllr B Douglas       | LA01/2017/0664/O |                            | Application<br>Withdrawn                |
|                  | Cllr B Chivers       | LA01/2017/1391/F | 24/10/2018                 | Agree                                   |
|                  | Cllr K<br>Mulholland | LA01/2018/0566/O | 24/10/2018<br>28/11/2018   | Defer<br>Agree                          |
|                  | Cllr T Clarke        | LA01/2018/0595/O | 24/10/2018                 | Defer                                   |

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|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|           |                                  |                        | 28/11/2018               | Agree                    |
|           | Cllr S McGlinchey                | LA01/2018/0007/F       | 19/12/2018               | Agree                    |
|           | Cllr M Fielding                  | LA01/2017/0441/F       | 24/10/2018<br>28/11/2018 | Disagree                 |
|           | Ald A Robinson                   | LA01/2017/1291/F       |                          | Referral<br>Withdrawn    |
|           | Cllr S Quigley                   | LA01/2017/1648/F       | 26/09/2018<br>28/11/2018 | Agree<br>Disagree        |
|           | Cllr S McGlinchey                | LA01/2018/0474/O       | 23/01/2019               | Defer                    |
|           | Cllr S McGlinchey                | LA01/2018/0476/O       | 23/01/2019               | Defer                    |
|           | Cllr M Fielding                  | LA01/2018/0037/F       | 26/09/2018<br>24/10/2018 | Defer<br>Agree           |
|           | Cllr C McShane                   | LA01/2017/1372/O       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr O Beattie                   | LA01/2017/1231/O       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr A Callan                    | LA01/2018/0103/F       | 28/11/2018               | Agree                    |
|           | Cllr M Fielding                  | LA01/2017/0906/F       | 24/10/2018               | Application<br>Withdrawn |
|           | Cllr W McCandless                | LA01/2017/0221/F       | 24/10/2018<br>28/11/2018 | Defer<br>Agree           |
| <b>Q3</b> | Cllr K Mulholland                | LA01/2018/0426/F       | 28/11/2018               | Disagree                 |
|           | Cllr S Quigley                   | LA01/2017/1620/O       | 19/12/2018               | Agree                    |
|           | Cllr S Quigley                   | LA01/2017/1311/O       | 28/11/2018               | Defer                    |
|           | Cllr J Finlay                    | LA01/2017/1207/F       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr W Blair                     | LA01/2017/1208/F       | 28/11/2018               | Disagree                 |
|           | Cllr A McLean                    | LA01/2018/0715/O       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr A Callan                    | LA01/2018/0393/F       | 23/01/2019               | Defer                    |
|           | Cllr C McShane                   | LA01/2017/1101/O       | 28/11/2018               | Application<br>Withdrawn |
|           | Cllr K Mulholland                | LA01/2017/0765/F       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr K Mulholland                | LA01/2018/1112/F       | 28/11/2018               | Agree                    |
|           | Cllr S Quigley                   | LA01/2018/0312/O       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr M Fielding                  | LA01/2018/0926/F       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr M Fielding                  | LA01/2018/0833/O       | 23/01/2019               | Defer                    |
|           | Ald A Robinson<br>Cllr O Beattie | LA01/2017/0893/O       |                          | Referral<br>Withdrawn    |
|           | Ald A Robinson<br>Cllr O Beattie | LA01/2017/1244/F       | 19/12/2018               | Defer                    |
|           | Ald A Robinson<br>Cllr O Beattie | LA01/2017/1203/LB<br>C | 19/12/2017               | Defer                    |
|           | Cllr J Baird                     | LA01/2018/0652/F       |                          |                          |
|           | Ald A Robinson                   | LA01/2017/1352/O       | 19/12/2018               | Disagree                 |
|           | Cllr A Callan                    | LA01/2018/0082/O       |                          |                          |
|           | Cllr C McShane                   | LA01/2016/1514/F       | 23/01/2019               | Disagree                 |

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|--------------|---|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
|              | Cllr A McLean                                     | LA01/2018/0197/F       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr J Baird<br>Cllr O Beattie<br>Cllr M Fielding | LA01/2018/1369/N<br>MC | 23/01/2019 | Application<br>Withdrawn |
|              | Cllr J Baird<br>Cllr O Beattie<br>Cllr M Fielding | LA01/2018/1370/N<br>MC |            | Invalid Application      |
|              | Cllr T Clarke                                     | LA01/2018/0146/F       | 23/01/2019 | Disagree                 |
|              | Cllr A Callan                                     | LA01/2018/1060/F       | 23/01/2019 | Defer                    |
|              | Cllr B Douglas                                    | LA01/2018/0910/F       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr A McLean<br>Cllr J Baird                     | LA01/2017/1548/F       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr C McShane                                    | LA01/2017/0791/F       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr C McShane                                    | LA01/2018/0830/O       |            |                          |
| <b>Q4</b>    | Head of<br>Planning                               | LA01/2018/1114/F       | 23/01/2019 | Agree                    |
|              | Cllr S McKillop                                   | LA01/2017/1340/O       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr S McKillop                                   | LA01/2018/1209/O       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr T Clarke                                     | LA01/2018/0224/F       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr M Fielding                                   | LA01/2018/1172/F       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr B Chivers                                    | LA01/2018/0908/O       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr A Callan                                     | LA01/2016/1482/F       |            |                          |
|              | Cllr A Robinson                                   | LA01/2018/1174         |            |                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 78  |                        |            |                          |

2.9 Table 7 details the number of referral requests outstanding from pre April 2018 that are requested to be presented to the Planning Committee.

**Table 7: Outstanding Referrals Requested pre-April 2018**

| Referral Request | Requestor               | Application Ref  | Date of Planning Committee | Committee Recommendation Agree/Disagree |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|
|                  | Cllr J Deighan          | LA01/2016/0937/F |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr B Chivers          | LA01/2015/0919/F |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr A McLean           | LA01/2015/0345/F |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr M Knight-McQuillan | LA01/2016/1072/F | 23/05/2018                 | Defer                                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | 4                       |                  |                            |   |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

### 3.0 Recommendation

3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Planning Committee note the update on the development management statistics.