

Update on Development Management & Enforcement Statistics:	28 March 2018
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Planning Committee	

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

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 February 2018. 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.

Table 1

Major applications (target of 30 weeks)				
	Number received	Number decided/ withdrawn¹	Average processing time²	% of cases processed within 30 weeks
April	0	1	173.38	0.0%
May	0	2	58.7	0.0%
June	2	0	0.0	0.0%

July	1	1	14.4	100.0%
August	2	0	0.0	0.0%
September	3	1	225	0.0%
October	2	0	0.0	0.0%
November	1	0	0.0	0.0%
December	3	0	0.0	0.0%
January	3	1	41.0	0.0%
February	1	1	205.4	0.0%
March		-	0.0	0.0%
Year to date	18	7	67.4	14.3%

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.

Table 2

Local applications (target of 15 weeks)				
	Number received	Number decided/ withdrawn¹	Average processing time²	% of cases processed within 15 weeks
April	75	68	21.2	30.9%
May	124	105	21.0	35.2%
June	143	89	16.2	42.7%
July	105	120	16.8	40.8%
August	96	87	19.4	37.9%
September	113	68	18.7	23.5%
October	119	94	22.3	14.9%
November	112	104	18.8	25.0%
December	95	87	21.2	32.2%
January	80	86	25.6	25.6%
February	96	103	17.8	42.7%
March				
Year to date	1158	1011	20.0	32.4%

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 case opened and concluded as well as the average processing times. Please note these figures are unvalidated statistics.

Table 3

Enforcement Cases Concluded (target of 39 weeks)				
	Number opened	Number brought to conclusion	70% conclusion time	% of cases concluded within 39 weeks
April	26	23	29.3	73.9%
May	25	26	37.1	73.1%
June	30	30	37.8	80.0%
July	42	37	41.4	64.9%
August	34	7	40.8	71.4%
September	27	28	48.2	60.7%
October	20	52	35.6	73.1%
November	30	30	40.7	70.0%
December	10	23	36.7	73.9%
January	10	27	57.8	59.3%
February	26	40	45.9	67.5%
March				
Year to date	280	323	39.6	69.7%

2.5 The number of applications received in February is retained just below the 100 mark with staff issuing 104 planning application decisions.

2.6 Resources continue to be targeted to reduce the over 12 month applications. Table 2 below provides a further breakdown of the over 12 month applications in the system. The weekly monitoring of these figures continues and staff are conscious of the need to prioritise their efforts in this area of work. The breakdown of over 12 month applications shows that while the number of applications over 18 months has remained relatively static, the number between 12 and 18 months has increased. An Action Plan for 2017/18 has been implemented and additional staff resources are currently being recruited. However, it will take time for all staff to be appointed and substantive progress in this area is unlikely to be realised in this Business year. The Action Plan is currently subject to review.

Table 2 Breakdown of over 12 month applications (April 2017 – February 2017)

Applications	End Q1 2017	End Q2 2017	End Q3 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
12-18 months	38	50	62	71	75
18-24 months	15	18	13	8	11
>24 months	27	29	33	36	34
Total	80	97	108	115	120

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

- 2.7** Table 3 below details the number of appeal decisions issued since 1 April 2017 showing the continued quality of decision making taken by both Planning Officers and supported by the Planning Committee. Please note that these figures relating to planning application decisions only are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports.

Table 3 Appeals to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC)

Appeal Decisions	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
Upheld	4	2	2	1	0
Dismissed	6	3	3	2	0
Total Appeal decisions	10	5	5	3	0
% of Appeals Dismissed to date					60.86%

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

- 2.8** Table 4 details the number of referral requests received from elected members and Head of Planning under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation. From April 2017, 9 out of 40 referral recommendations taken to the Planning Committee have been overturned.

Table 4 Referrals Requested in April – February 2017/18

Referral Request	Requestor	Application Ref	Date of Planning Committee	Planning Officer Recommendation Agreed/Disagree
Q1	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1157/F	28/02/2018	
	Cllr Clarke	LA01/2016/1070/F		
	Cllr Douglas	LA01/2017/0093/O	27/09/2017	Agree
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2016/1145/O	27/09/2017	Agree
	Cllr McLean	LA01/2016/0107/F	24/01/2018	Agree
	Cllr McLean	LA01/2017/0097/F	Application Withdrawn	
	Ald. Robinson	LA01/2016/0473/O	25/10/2017	Agree
	Ald. Robinson	LA01/2016/0482/O	25/10/2017	Agree
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2016/0356/F	Referral Withdrawn	
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2017/0311/F	27/09/2017	Disagree
	Ald. Robinson	LA01/2016/1137/F		
	Cllr Loftus	LA01/2017/0468/LDP	27/09/2017	Disagree
	Ald. Finlay	LA01/2016/1131/F	Referral Withdrawn	
	Q2	Cllr McShane	LA01/2016/1374/F	27/09/2017

	Cllr Baird	LA01/2017/0250/LBC	28/02/2018	Disagree
	Cllr Baird	LA01/2017/0251/F	28/02/2018	Disagree
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1220/F		
	Ald. Robinson	LA01/2016/1303/F	25/10/2017	Agree
	Cllr McLean	LA01/2016/1391/O	20/12/2017	Disagree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0693/F		
	Ald. Robinson	LA01/2017/0292/F	24/01/2018	Disagree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0082/F		
	Cllr Baird	LA01/2016/0776/O	25/10/2017	Agree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0402/O	20/12/2017	Agree
	Ald Hillis	LA01/2016/1200/F	Referral Withdrawn	
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1382/A	25/10/2017	Disagree
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2015/0953/RM		
Q3	Cllr Clarke	LA01/2017/0263/O	20/12/2017	Agree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0691/O	20/12/2017	Agree
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2017/0333/F	24/01/2018	Agree
	Cllr Baird	LA01/2017/0331/F	28/02/2018	
	Cllr Baird	LA01/2017/1074/O	22/11/2017	Agree
	Cllr McCaul	LA01/2017/0323/O	24/01/2018	Agree
	Cllr Nicholl	LA01/2016/0712/F		
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0549/O	24/01/2018	Agree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0341/F		
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2017/0591/F		
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2017/0544/O	28/02/2018	Defer
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2017/0908/F	28/02/2018	
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1487/F	28/02/2018	
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0524/F	28/02/2018	Disagree
	Cllr Mulholland	LA01/2017/0354/F		
	Cllr Beattie	LA01/2017/1018/O	28/02/2018	
	Ald McKillop	LA01/2016/1218/F	28/02/2018	Agree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0979/F		
	Cllr Douglas	LA01/2017/0648/F	28/02/2018	
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/1130/O		
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/1263/LDP	28/02/2018	Agree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0565/F	24/01/2018	Agree
	Cllr Harding	LA01/2017/0937/O	28/02/2018	
	Cllr MA McKillop	LA01/2017/0852/O	28/02/2018	Withdrawn
	Cllr MA McKillop	LA01/2017/0167/O		
	Cllr Douglas	LA01/2017/0827/F		
	Cllr Douglas	LA01/2017/0935/O		
Q4	Cllr Loftus	LA01/2017/0755/F		
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2015/0919/F		
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2017/0111/O	28/02/2018	
	Cllr Hillis	LA01/2017/1219/DC	28/02/2018	Defer
	Cllr McLean	LA01/2016/1204/O	28/02/2018	Agree
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0833/A	28/02/2018	Defer

	Head of Planning	LA01/2017/1287/F	28/02/2018	Disagree
	Head of Planning	LA01/2017/1289/LBC	28/02/2018	Disagree
	Cllr McLean	LA01/2015/0345/F		
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/1348/F		
TOTAL	62			

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

3.0 Recommendation

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