

Update on Development Management Statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Applications Received and Decided in the period 01 April 2017 – 30 November 2017 	20 December 2017
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	Head of Planning
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 October 2017. 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 planning applications received and decided as well as the number of live planning applications in the system and those in the system over 12 months. Please note that these figures are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports.

Table 1 Applications Received, Decided and Live

Applications Received	Q1	Q2	Oct 2017	Nov 2017
Received	344	335	128	113
Decided	258	248	86	98
Live >12months	80	97	98	104
Total Live	720	774	826	830

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

- 2.3** The number of applications received in November remains high at 113 applications. Staff issued 98 planning application decisions, plus 2 Discharge of Conditions, 4 CLDP/E's, 2 Non-Material Change applications and 1 Proposal of Application Notice (PAN). The number of live applications in the system continues to rise with the increase in applications received to 830.
- 2.4** 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. A new 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 until Q4.

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

Applications	End Q1 2017	End Q2 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017
12-18 months	38	50	52	60
18-24 months	15	18	18	11
>24 months	27	29	28	33
Total	80	97	98	104

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

- 2.4** 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	Oct 2017	Nov 2017
Upheld	4	2	1	1
Dismissed	6	3	0	2
Total Appeal decisions	10	5	1	3
% of Appeals Dismissed to date				57.9%

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

2.5 Table 4 details the number of referral requests received from elected members under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation. From April 2017, 7 out of 25 referral recommendations have been overturned by the Planning Committee.

Table 4 Referrals Requested in April – November 2017/18

Referral Request	Requestor	Application Ref	Date of Planning Committee	Planning Officer Recommendation Agreed/Disagree	
Q1	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1157/F	20/12/2017		
	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			
	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	Agree
		Cllr Baird	LA01/2017/0250/LBC	23/08/2017	Agree
Cllr Baird		LA01/2017/0251/F	23/08/2017	Agree	
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		
Cllr Chivers		LA01/2017/0693/F			
Ald. Robinson		LA01/2017/0292/F	20/12/2017		
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		
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	
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0691/O	20/12/2017		
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2017/0333/F			
	Cllr Baird	LA01/2017/0331/F			
	Cllr Baird	LA01/2017/1074/O	22/11/2017	Agree	
	Cllr McCaul	LA01/2017/0323/O			
	Cllr Nicholl	LA01/2016/0712/F			
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0549/O	20/12/2017		
	Cllr Chivers	LA01/2017/0341/F			

	Ald Robinson	LA01/2017/0591/F		
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2017/0544/O		
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2017/0908/F		
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1487/F		
	Cllr Shivers	LA01/2017/0524/F		
TOTAL	41			

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

3.0 Recommendation

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