

 Update on Development Management Statistics: Planning Applications Received and Decided in the period 01 April – 31 July 2016 	24 th August 2016
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 <u>Website link 1</u> and <u>Website Link 2</u> provide a list of planning applications received and decided respectively by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in the month of July 2016. Please note these exclude Pre-Application Discussions; Certificates of Lawful Development Proposed or Existing; Discharge of Conditions and Non-Material Changes, 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 12months. Please note that these figures are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports.

Applications Received	Q1	July
Received	303	96
Decided	369	97
Live >12months	113	95
Total Live	635	621

Table 1 Applications Received, Decided and Live

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

2.3 As can be concluded from the table above, the number of applications received remain around the 100 mark whilst staff have continued work hard to issue more

applications than received, further reducing the number of live applications in the system.

2.4 Progress is beginning to show in relation to the number of over 12 months applications which have reduced by 18 (16% reduction) in the last month, bringing the number of over 12month applications below the 100 mark. Work continues to reduce these older applications in line with the agreed Action Plan. Table 2 below provides a further breakdown of the over 12 month applications in the system. A small improvement has been made in the over 24months applications, however, the greatest improvement is in the 12-24 months.

Applications Received	June	July
12-18 months	51	46
18-24 months	22	13
>24 months	40	36
Total	113	95

Table 2 Breakdown of over 12 month applications

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

2.5 Table 3 details the number of referral requests received from elected members under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation in Q1 of 2016/17 and July 2016. Nine referred applications have been determined by the Planning Committee; 4 referred in this business year and 1 from 2015/16 business year are due for determination at the August Planning Committee Meeting and three are yet to be scheduled for determination by the Planning Committee. One of the referred applications has since been withdrawn and as such will not be scheduled for determination by the Planning Committee.

Referral Request	Requestor	Application Ref	Date of Planning Committee	Planning Officer Recommendation Agreed/Disagree
Q1	Cllr Robinson	LA01/2015/0567/O	25/05/2016	Agree
	Cllr Nicholl	LA01/2015/0809/O	24/08/2016	
	Cllr Loftus	LA01/2015/0605/F	27/07/2016	Agree
	Cllr Loftus	LA01/2016/0325/NMC	Withdrawn	
	Head of E/2013/0130/F 25/05/207 Planning	E/2013/0130/F	25/05/2016	Agree
		25/05/2016	Disagree	
	Head of Planning	LA01/2016/0052/O	25/05/2016	Agree
	Cllr Finlay	LA01/2016/0300/F	27/07/2016	Agree
	Cllr Mulholland	LA01/2015/0647/RM	27/07/2016 24/08/2016	W/D from Schedule
	Cllr Finlay	LA01/2015/1065/O		W/D from Schedule
	Cllr Finlay	LA01/2015/0519/F		
	Head of LA01/2015/0838/HSC Planning	22/06/2016	Agree	
	Head of Planning	LA01/2015/1015/O	22/06/2016	Agree
Fie	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/0564/F	27/07/2016	Agree
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2016/0299/O		
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/0246/F	27/072016 24/08/2016	Deferred
July	Cllr McGuigan	LA01/2016/0395/O		
Total		17		

Table 3 Referrals Requested in Q1 2016/17

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

3.0 Recommendation

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