

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period June 2021 to July 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

General Situation

Whilst I encourage members to look through inphase and uniform to find the data they are after. I understand that member access has been difficult to the inphase system. I will continue to add some highlights in these reports and encourage the use of uniforms advance search facility on the public portal. If any Member has specific information they require I would of course be happy to endeavour to find this data. As stated last month the inphase figures and performance are monitored through committees.

This month I have highlighted some comparisons on previous years:

Applications Received in May

2021 = 299, 2020=154, 2019=255

Applications Received in June

2021= 272, 2020=254, 2019=226

The number of applications determined in May 2021=162 June 2021=205.

Planning officers still have high caseloads with some individual officers exceeding 50 live cases in hand.

The planned upgrades to uniform are completed. Training is being provided to enable officers to get the best from the system. Enforcement this week mapping training later in the month.

Enforcement continues to have a large number of cases, 315 this month. There are 4 cases that may yet result in criminal proceedings however, there has been progress on these and it is hopeful that resolutions can be found.

We have had the result of the High Kelling Archery and Air Rifle appeal decision. The inspector quashed the enforcement and has effectively granted permission for their current use. There are some conditions applied which we will work pro actively to assist the owners in complying with these conditions.

Building control Along with the high number of applications is a high number of applications to building control. There is a backlog of applications taking 10 to 12 days rather than the normal 2-3 but the department is back to full strength and this backlog it is hoped will be cleared in 6-8 weeks.

Major Applications

I am pleased to see that we have an application in to redevelop the old Magic kingdom Site at North Walsham. PF/21/1613. This is an important site on the entrance to North Walsham from Cromer.

I have a short summary of developments that are likely to produce affordable housing. They are at various stages some just active and some that will be at development committee the week after full council.

These are of course not decided but hopefully an indication of affordable homes delivery in the pipeline.

In no particular order.

PF/21/1749 Catfield	18
PF/20/1345 Hindringham	8
PF/20/1470 Happisburgh	9
PF/21/1781 Northrepps	10
PO/20/1251 Paston Collage	24
PO/19/0281 Cromer	9
PF/21/1532 Stalham	62 (extra care)
PO/18/2169 Cromer	120 (potentially if policy compliant)

Total 260

This is not the full picture as there are those that are decided but awaiting S106 agreements etc for example but an indication.

Conservation Design and Landscape.

Extra applications mean extra consultations so the team's workload remains high but work will continue to try and increase capacity. The team continue to work with our consultants Purcell to bring forward the programme of reviews for conservation area appraisals.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Enforcement work continues to produce a new webpage for reporting enforcement requests. The expectation is for the final draft to be ready mid to late August. We are working with customer services to agree a draft e form.

Section 106 Enquiries. We are continuing towards a much improved Section 106 recording and maintenance as an addition to the uniform system. In the interim if there are any Section 106 enquires please use the email s106@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

3 Meetings attended

Internal Cabinet, Business planning, Planning policy and built heritage working party, planning team and case meetings, parish council meetings, Baseline Carbon Audit.

External Innovative approaches to low energy housing and retrofitting, Bio diversity net gain in planning, First Homes Webinar, Rural housing Seminar, Norfolk Strategic planning forum.

Armed Forces day event at Northrepps