

<b>Update on Development Management Statistics:</b>	<b>25 October 2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Planning Applications Received and Decided in the period 01 April 2017 – 30 September 2017</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Planning Committee</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<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

## 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 September 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**

<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>July 2017</b>	<b>Aug 2017</b>	<b>Sept 2017</b>
Received	344	123	58	154
Decided	258	109	75	64
Live >12months	80	82	89	97
Total Live	720	730	699	774

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 September has risen significantly, this is attributed to the relocation of the planning office to Cloonavin at the end of August. Similarly, this accounts for the diminished figures for August. Staff issued 64 planning application decisions, plus 4 Discharge of Conditions, 3 LDP/LDE's and 3 Non-Material Change applications. The number of live applications in the system has risen to 774 this is again due in part to the office move. Again this increase is due to the staff move in August and the diminished figures for August.
- 2.4** Work continues 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. A new Action Plan for 2017/18 has been implemented.

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

<b>Applications</b>	<b>April 2017</b>	<b>May 2017</b>	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>July 2017</b>	<b>Aug 2017</b>	<b>Sept 2017</b>
12-18 months	32	30	38	36	41	50
18-24 months	14	16	15	15	19	18
>24 months	28	29	27	31	29	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>

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 high quality of decision making taken by both Planning Officers and supported by the Planning Committee. Please note that these figures are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports. No appeal decisions were issued by PAC in September 2017.

**Table 3 Appeals to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC)**

<b>Appeal Decisions</b>	<b>Q 1 2017</b>	<b>July 2017</b>	<b>Aug 2017</b>	<b>Sept 2017</b>
Upheld	4	2	0	0
Dismissed	6	1	2	0
Total Appeal decisions	10	3	2	0
% of Appeals Dismissed to date				60%

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, 6 out of 16 referral recommendations have been overturned by the Planning Committee.

**Table 4 Referrals Requested in Q1 2017/18**

Referral Request	Requestor	Application Ref	Date of Planning Committee	Planning Officer Recommendation Agreed/Disagree	
<b>Q1</b>	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1157/F	25/10/2017		
	Cllr Clarke	LA01/2016/1070/F			
	Cllr Douglas	LA01/2017/0093/O			
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2016/1145/O	27/09/2017	Agree	
	Cllr McLean	LA01/2016/0107/F			
	Cllr McLean	LA01/2017/0097/F			
	Ald. Robinson	LA01/2016/0473/O	25/10/2017		
	Ald. Robinson	LA01/2016/0482/O	25/10/2017		
	Cllr McShane	LA01/2016/0356/F			
	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			
	<b>Q2</b>	Cllr McShane	LA01/2016/1374/F	23/08/2017	Defer
		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		
Cllr McLean		LA01/2016/1391/O	27/09/2017	Defer	
Cllr Chivers		LA01/2017/0693/F			
Ald. Robinson		LA01/2017/0292/F			
Cllr Chivers		LA01/2017/0082/F			
Cllr Baird		LA01/2016/0776/O	25/10/2017		
Cllr Chivers		LA01/2017/0402/O			
<b>Q3</b>		Ald Hillis	LA01/2016/1200/F		
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1382/A	25/10/2017		
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2015/0953/RM			
<b>TOTAL</b>	24				

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

### 3.0 Recommendation

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