

Update on Development Management Statistics:	26th April 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Applications Received and Decided in the period 01 April 2016 – 31 March 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	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 March 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	Q3	January	February	March
Received	303	335	340	89	125	122
Decided	369	340	264	66	103	159
Live >12months	113	90	90	89	88	79
Total Live	635	621	685	686	692	654

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

2.3 The number of applications received is again well over the 100 mark at 122, having dropped below it for the first time in January, since September 2015. Staff issued 159 planning application decisions, plus 4 Certificate of Lawful Development Proposed or Existing applications, 3 Non-Material Change and 2 Proposals of Application Notices. With the increase in the number of decisions issued, the number of live applications in the system has fallen to 654.

2.4 Work continues to reduce the 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. Staff remain focused in their determination to reduce the number of applications over 12 months old in the system. Further progress has been made, with the number in this category continuing to fall to 79 in March. A weekly monitoring of these figures has been initiated and staff continue to be conscious of the need to prioritise their efforts in this area of work.

Table 2 Breakdown of over 12 month applications (August 2016 – March 2017)

Applications Received	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
12-18 months	48	40	31	36	39	39	45	37
18-24 months	9	17	15	17	18	20	13	13
>24 months	39	33	32	32	33	30	30	29
Total	96	90	78	85	90	89	88	79

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

2.5 Table 3 below details the number of appeal decisions issued since 1 April 2016. Please note that these figures are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports. A list of Appeal Decisions Notified since 1 April 2016 is attached to this report for further information. There were no decisions issued by the PAC in March 2017. Again, please note that these figures are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports.

Table 3 Appeals to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC)

Appeals lodged with PAC	Q1	Q2	Q3	January	February	March	Year to Date
Upheld	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
Dismissed	8	6	3	1	3	0	21
Total Appeal decisions	12	7	3	1	3	0	26
% of Appeals Dismissed	67%	86%	100%	100%	100%	-	81%

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

2.6 Table 4 details the number of referral requests received from elected members under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation in Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2016/17 and Q4 of 2017. Four referred applications are due for determination at the April Planning Committee Meeting.

Table 4 Referrals Requested in Q1 2016/17

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	Agree
	Cllr Loftus	LA01/2015/0605/F	27/07/2016 23/11/2016	Agree Disagree
	Head of Planning	E/2013/0130/F	25/05/2016	Agree
	Head of Planning	E/2014/0234/F	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 Disagree
	Cllr Finlay	LA01/2015/1065/O	27/07/2016 24/08/2016 28/09/2016	W/D from Schedule Deferred Disagree
	Cllr Finlay	LA01/2015/0519/F	26/10/2016	W/D from Schedule
	Head of Planning	LA01/2015/0838/HSC	22/06/2016	Agree
	Head of Planning	LA01/2015/1015/O	22/06/2016	Agree
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/0564/F	27/07/2016	Agree
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2016/0299/O	26/10/2016 23/11/2016	Deferred Agree
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/0246/F	27/07/2016 24/08/2016 28/09/2016	Deferred Deferred Agree
Q2	Cllr McGuigan	LA01/2016/0395/O	26/10/2016 23/11/2016	Deferred Agree
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/0337/F	23/11/2016	Agree
	Cllr McCaul	LA01/2016/0685/F	26/10/2016	Defer

			23/11/2016	Agree
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/0023/LDP	25/01/2017	Application Withdrawn
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2015/0370/F	25/01/2017	Disagree
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/0877/F	26/10/2016	Application Withdrawn
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2015/0935/O	26/10/2016	Agree
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2015/1008/F	TBC	Application Withdrawn
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2015/1053/O	21/12/2016	Agree
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2015/1035/O	23/11/2016	Agree
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2016/0710/O	21/12/2016	Agree
	Cllr Hunter	LA01/2015/0811/O	25/01/2017	Agree
Q3	Cllr Mulholland	LA01/2016/0459/O	23/11/2016	Disagree
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2016/0198/F	26/04/2017	
	Cllr Hunter	LA01/2016/0162/F	25/01/2017	Defer
	Cllr Baird	LA01/2016/0787/F	23/11/2016 22/02/2017	Defer
	Ald Cole	LA01/2016/0492/F	23/11/2016	Disagree
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/0253/F	21/12/2016	Disagree
	Cllr Loftus	LA01/2016/0890/F	22/02/2017	Agree
	Cllr Loftus	LA01/2016/1145/O	22/02/2017	Disagree
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2016/0295/F	25/01/2017 22/02/2017	Withdrawn from Schedule
	Cllr Beattie	LA01/2016/0723/F	22/03/2017	Agree
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2015/1021/F	22/03/2017	Disagree
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/0210/O	22/02/2017	Agree
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1080/F	26/04/2017	
January	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/0817/O	22/03/2017	Disagree
	Cllr Deighan	LA01/2016/1223/F	TBC	
	Cllr Deighan	LA01/2016/0937/F	TBC	
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/0467/F	22/02/2017	Disagree
	Cllr McCaul	LA01/2016/0975/F	22/02/2017	Agree
February	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2016/1429/F	22/02/2017	Agree
	Cllr Fielding	C/2014/0326/F	TBC	
	Cllr Fielding	LA01/2015/0862/F	TBC	
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/0722/F	26/04/2017	
	Ald Finlay	LA01/2016/1311/F	TBC	
	Cllr Douglas	LA01/2016/1037/F	TBC	

	Cllr Douglas	LA01/2015/0841/F	TBC	
	Cllr C McShane	LA01/2016/1221/O	26/04/2017	
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/1141/F	TBC	
March	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/0825/F	TBC	
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2015/0475/F	TBC	
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2016/1461/O	TBC	
	Ald Robinson	LA01/2017/0011/F	TBC	
TOTAL	58			35 decisions 12 recommendations overturned

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

3.0 Recommendation

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