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| Update on Development Management & Enforcement Statistics:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Period 01 April 2017 – 31 March 2018</li> </ul> | <b>23 May 2018</b> |
| <b>Planning Committee</b>  |                    |

| <b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b> |  |
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| <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 March 2018. 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 Major planning applications received and decided as well as the average processing times. Please note that these figures are unvalidated statistics.

**Table 1**

| <b>Major applications (target of 30 weeks)</b> |                        |  |  |   |
|--|------------------------|--|--|---|
|  | <b>Number received</b> | <b>Number decided/ withdrawn<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Average processing time<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>% of cases processed within 30 weeks</b> |
| April  | 0                      | 1  | 173.38                                     | 0.0%  |
| May  | 0                      | 2  | 58.7                                       | 0.0%  |
| June   | 2                      | 0  | 0.0  | 0.0%  |

|                     |           |           |             |              |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| July                | 1         | 1         | 14.4        | 100.0%       |
| August              | 2         | 0         | 0.0         | 0.0%         |
| September           | 3         | 1         | 225         | 0.0%         |
| October             | 2         | 0         | 0.0         | 0.0%         |
| November            | 1         | 0         | 0.0         | 0.0%         |
| December            | 3         | 0         | 0.0         | 0.0%         |
| January             | 3         | 1         | 41.0        | 0.0%         |
| February            | 0         | 1         | 205.4       | 0.0%         |
| March               | 1         | 3         | 27.8        | 66.7%        |
| <b>Year to date</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>58.4</b> | <b>30.0%</b> |

2.3 Table 2 below details the number of Local planning applications received and decided as well as the average processing times. Please note these figures are unvalidated statistics.

**Table 2**

| <b>Local applications (target of 15 weeks)</b> |                        |  |  |   |
|--|------------------------|--|--|---|
|  | <b>Number received</b> | <b>Number decided/ withdrawn<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Average processing time<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>% of cases processed within 15 weeks</b> |
| April  | 75                     | 68   | 21.2                                       | 30.9%                                       |
| May  | 124                    | 105  | 21.0                                       | 35.2%                                       |
| June   | 143                    | 89   | 16.2                                       | 42.7%                                       |
| July   | 105                    | 120  | 16.8                                       | 40.8%                                       |
| August   | 96                     | 87   | 19.4                                       | 37.9%                                       |
| September                                      | 113                    | 68   | 18.7                                       | 23.5%                                       |
| October  | 119                    | 94   | 22.3                                       | 14.9%                                       |
| November                                       | 112                    | 104  | 18.8                                       | 25.0%                                       |
| December                                       | 954                    | 87   | 21.2                                       | 32.2%                                       |
| January  | 80                     | 86   | 25.6                                       | 25.6%                                       |
| February                                       | 99                     | 105  | 17.8                                       | 42.9%                                       |
| March  | 108                    | 126  | 25.4                                       | 31.0%                                       |
| <b>Year to date</b>                            | <b>1158</b>            | <b>1011</b>                                  | <b>20.4</b>                                | <b>32.3%</b>                                |

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

2.4 Table 3 below details the number of Enforcement case opened and concluded as well as the average processing times. Please note these figures are unvalidated statistics.

**Table 3**

| <b>Enforcement Cases Concluded (target of 39 weeks)</b> |                      |                                     |                            |   |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
|   | <b>Number opened</b> | <b>Number brought to conclusion</b> | <b>70% conclusion time</b> | <b>% of cases concluded within 39 weeks</b> |
| April   | 26                   | 23                                  | 29.3                       | 73.9%                                       |
| May   | 25                   | 26                                  | 37.1                       | 73.1%                                       |
| June  | 30                   | 30                                  | 37.8                       | 80.0%                                       |
| July  | 42                   | 37                                  | 41.4                       | 64.9%                                       |
| August  | 34                   | 7                                   | 40.8                       | 71.4%                                       |
| September   | 27                   | 28                                  | 48.2                       | 60.7%                                       |
| October   | 20                   | 52                                  | 35.6                       | 73.1%                                       |
| November  | 30                   | 30                                  | 40.7                       | 70.0%                                       |
| December  | 10                   | 23                                  | 36.7                       | 73.9%                                       |
| January   | 10                   | 27                                  | 57.8                       | 59.3%                                       |
| February  | 26                   | 40                                  | 45.9                       | 67.5%                                       |
| March   | 44                   | 33                                  | 36.4                       | 78.8%                                       |
| <b>Year to date</b>                                     | <b>324</b>           | <b>356</b>                          | <b>38.8</b>                | <b>70.5%</b>                                |

**2.5** The number of applications received in March has risen to 120 with staff issuing 129 planning application decisions.

**2.6** 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. An Action Plan for 2018/19 is being prepared.

**Table 2 Breakdown of over 12 month applications (April 2017 – April 2018)**

| <b>Applications</b> | <b>End Q1 17/18</b> | <b>End Q2 17/18</b> | <b>End Q3 17/18</b> | <b>End Q4 17/18</b> | <b>Apr 2018</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 12-18 months        | 38                  | 50                  | 62                  | 71                  | 69              |
| 18-24 months        | 15                  | 18                  | 13                  | 18                  | 19              |
| >24 months          | 27                  | 29                  | 33                  | 28                  | 28              |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>80</b>           | <b>97</b>           | <b>108</b>          | <b>117</b>          | <b>116</b>      |

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

- 2.7 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 17/18 | Q2 17/18 | Q3 17/18 | Q4 17/18 | Apr 2018 |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Upheld                         | 4        | 2        | 2        | 1        | 0        |
| Dismissed                      | 6        | 3        | 3        | 3        | 0        |
| Total Appeal decisions         | 10       | 5        | 5        | 4        | 0        |
| % of Appeals Dismissed to date |          |          |          | 62.5%    | 100%     |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

- 2.8 Table 4 details the number of referral requests received from elected members and Head of Planning under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation. From April 2017 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 27 out of 68 referral recommendations taken to the Planning Committee have been overturned.

**Table 4 Referrals Requested in April – March 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   | 13/03/2018                 | Disagree  |
|                  | Cllr Clarke   | LA01/2016/1070/F   | 25/04/2018                 | Agree   |
|                  | 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   | 24/01/2018                 | Agree   |
|                  | 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         |   |
| <b>Q2</b>        | Cllr McShane  | LA01/2016/1374/F   | 27/09/2017                 | Agree   |
|                  | Cllr Baird    | LA01/2017/0250/LBC | 28/02/2018                 | Disagree  |
|                  | Cllr Baird    | LA01/2017/0251/F   | 28/02/2018                 | Disagree  |

|           |                     |                    |                    |           |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|           | 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         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0693/F   | 25/04/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Ald. Robinson       | LA01/2017/0292/F   | 24/01/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0082/F   | 28/03/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Baird          | LA01/2016/0776/O   | 25/10/2017         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0402/O   | 20/12/2017         | Agree     |
|           | Ald Hillis          | LA01/2016/1200/F   | Referral Withdrawn |           |
|           | Cllr Fielding       | LA01/2016/1382/A   | 25/10/2017         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Fielding       | LA01/2015/0953/RM  |                    |           |
| <b>Q3</b> | Cllr Clarke         | LA01/2017/0263/O   | 20/12/2017         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0691/O   | 20/12/2017         | Agree     |
|           | Ald Robinson        | LA01/2017/0333/F   | 24/01/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Baird          | LA01/2017/0331/F   | 12/03/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Baird          | LA01/2017/1074/O   | 22/11/2017         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr McCaul         | LA01/2017/0323/O   | 24/01/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Nicholl        | LA01/2016/0712/F   |                    |           |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0549/O   | 24/01/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0341/F   |                    |           |
|           | Ald Robinson        | LA01/2017/0591/F   |                    |           |
|           | Ald Robinson        | LA01/2017/0544/O   | 25/04/2018         | Withdrawn |
|           | Cllr McShane        | LA01/2017/0908/F   | 13/03/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Fielding       | LA01/2016/1487/F   | 25/04/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0524/F   | 28/02/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Mulholland     | LA01/2017/0354/F   |                    |           |
|           | Cllr Beattie        | LA01/2017/1018/O   | 28/02/2018         |           |
|           | Ald McKillop        | LA01/2016/1218/F   | 28/02/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0979/F   |                    |           |
|           | Cllr Douglas        | LA01/2017/0648/F   | 12/03/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/1130/O   | 23/05/2018         |           |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/1263/LDP | 28/02/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0565/F   | 24/01/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Harding        | LA01/20170937/O    | 12/03/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr MA<br>McKillop | LA01/2017/0852/O   | 28/02/2018         | Withdrawn |
|           | Cllr MA<br>McKillop | LA01/2017/0167/O   | 25/04/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Douglas        | LA01/2017/0827/F   | 28/03/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Douglas        | LA01/2017/0935/O   | 28/03/2018         | Disagree  |
| <b>Q4</b> | Cllr Loftus         | LA01/2017/0755/F   |                    |           |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2015/0919/F   | 25/04/2018         |           |
|           | Cllr McShane        | LA01/2017/0111/O   | 12/03/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr Hillis         | LA01/2017/1219/DC  | 12/03/2018         | Disagree  |
|           | Cllr McLean         | LA01/2016/1204/O   | 28/02/2018         | Agree     |
|           | Cllr Chivers        | LA01/2017/0833/A   | 23/05/2018         |           |
|           | Head of<br>Planning | LA01/2017/1287/F   | 28/02/2018         | Disagree  |

|              |                       |                    |            |          |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|
|              | Head of Planning      | LA01/2017/1289/LBC | 28/02/2018 | Disagree |
|              | Cllr McLean           | LA01/2015/0345/F   |            |          |
|              | Cllr Chivers          | LA01/2017/1348/F   |            |          |
|              | Cllr Hillis           | LA01/2017/0812/F   | 25/04/2018 | Disagree |
|              | Cllr Knight-McQuillan | LA01/2016/1072/F   | 23/05/2018 |          |
|              | Cllr Beattie          | LA01/2017/1129/O   |            |          |
|              | Cllr Chivers          | LA01/2017/1522/O   |            |          |
|              | Cllr Beattie          | LA01/2018/0033/O   | 23/05/2018 |          |
|              | Cllr Beattie          | LA01/2017/1328/F   | 23/05/2018 |          |
|              | Cllr Hillis           | LA01/2017/0641/F   |            |          |
|              | Cllr Quigley          | LA01/2017/0952/F   | 23/05/2018 |          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | 67                    |                    |            |          |

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

**Table 5 Referrals Requested in April – March 2018/19**

| Referral Request | Requestor     | Application Ref  | Date of Planning Committee | Planning Officer Recommendation Agreed/Disagree |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Q1</b>        | Cllr Callan   | LA01/2017/1270/O |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr Robinson | LA01/2017/1436/O | 23/05/2018                 |   |
|                  | Cllr Chivers  | LA01/2017/1348/F |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr McLean   | LA01/2017/0345/F |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr Fielding | LA01/2017/1354/O |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr Fielding | LA01/2017/1562/F |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr Fielding | LA01/2018/0038/F |                            |   |
|                  | Cllr McLean   | LA01/2017/1183/F |                            |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | 8             |                  |                            |   |

### 3.0 Recommendation

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