

Update on Development Management & Enforcement Statistics: • Period 01 April 2018 – 28 February 2019	27 March 2019
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

FOR NOTING

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 February 2019. 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. In comparison to the same period last year, the number of major applications received has decreased by 1 as the same period last year however the number of major applications decided has increased by 5.

Table 1

Major applications (target of 30 weeks)				
	Number received	Number decided/ withdrawn	Average processing time (weeks)	% of cases processed within 30 weeks
April - June Q1	4	1	357	0%
July - Sept Q2	5	6	116.3	0%
Oct - Dec (Q3)	5	4		
Jan 2019	2	0	0	
Year to date	16	11	52.2	9.1%

Source: Unvalidated Statistics.

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. In comparison to the same period last year, the number of applications received has reduced by 74 applications but the number of decisions issued has increased by 137 applications. Of particular note, however, is that for the last 2 months (December and January) the number of applications processed within 15 weeks statutory target has been 44% and over, getting closer to the 50% statutory target.

Table 2

Local applications (target of 15 weeks)				
	Number received	Number decided/ withdrawn¹	Average processing time² (weeks)	% of cases processed within 15 weeks
April – June (Q1)	297	312	23.7	33.7%
July – Sept (Q2)	284	304	22.6	36.5%
Oct – Dec (Q3)	330	329		
Jan 2019	76	100	19.0	44.0
Year to date	987	1045	22.2	36.6%

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 cases opened and concluded as well as the percentage of cases concluded within the target of 39 weeks. Please note these figures are unvalidated statistics. In comparison to the same period last year, the number of cases brought to conclusion has increased by 9 and the percentage of cases concluded within the 39 weeks increasing to 79.1% ytd. Of note is that in the last 2 months (December and January) over 90% of cases concluded were within the 39 week statutory target.

Table 3

Enforcement Cases Concluded (target of 39 weeks)				
	Number opened	Number brought to conclusion	70% conclusion time (weeks)	% of cases concluded within 39 weeks
April – June (Q1)	71	100	33.2	86%
July – Sept (Q2)	78	84	35.5	75%
Oct – Dec (Q3)	65	84		
Jan 2019	21	24	24.1	95.8%
YTD	235	292	33.9	79.1%

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

2.5 Resources continue to be targeted to reduce the over 12 month applications. Table 4 below provides a further breakdown of the over 12 month applications in the system and also the percentage of over 12 months applications in relation to the number of live planning applications. The monitoring of these figures continues in line with the Over 12 Month Action Plan and staff are conscious of the need to prioritise their efforts in this area of work. The aim is for progress to be evident in this area by end of Q4.

Table 4 Breakdown of over 12 month applications (April - Oct 2018)

Applications	End Q1 18/19	End Q2 18/19	End Q3 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019
12-18 months	85	92	75	70	72
18-24 months	24	32	35	29	28
>24 months	26	28	34	35	40
Total	135	152	144	134	140
Live Applications	782	764	774	749	759
% of Live Applications over 12 months	17.26%	19.9%	18.6%	17.9%	18.45%

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

2.7 Table 5 below details the number of appeal decisions issued since 1 April 2018. Please note that these figures relating to planning application decisions only are unvalidated statistics extracted from internal management reports.

Table 5 Appeals to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC)

Appeal Decisions	Q1 18/19	Q2 18/19	Q3 18/19	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	% YTD
Upheld	4	0	1	0	0	27.78%
Dismissed	0	4	6	2	1	72.22%
Cumulative Total Appeal Decisions	4	8	15	17	18	

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

2.8 Table 6 details the number of referral requests received from Elected Members and Head of Planning under Part B of the Scheme of Delegation. From April 2018 until February 2019, 51 referral recommendations were determined by the Planning Committee, 43.14% of which have been overturned.

Table 6. Referrals Requested in April 2018 – February 2019

Referral Request	Requestor	Application Ref	Date of Planning Committee	Committee Recommendation Agree/Disagree
Q1	Cllr A Callan	LA01/2017/1270/O	22/08/2018 28/11/2018	Defer Defer
	Cllr A Robinson	LA01/2017/1436/O	23/05/2018	Disagree
	Cllr B Chivers	LA01/2017/1348/F		Referral Withdrawn
	Cllr A McLean	LA01/2017/0345/F	24/10/2018	Agree
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2017/1534/O	26/09/2018	Agree
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2017/1562/F		Referral Withdrawn
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/0038/F		Referral Withdrawn
	Cllr A McLean	LA01/2017/1183/F	28/11/2018	Defer
	Cllr A Callan	LA01/2017/1033/F		Application Withdrawn
	Cllr R Loftus	LA01/2017/1518/O	27/06/2018	Agree
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/0070/F		Referral Withdrawn
	Cllr A McLean	LA01/2017/0016/F	26/09/2018	Disagree
	Cllr B Douglas	LA01/2017/1233/F	22/08/2018	Disagree
	Cllr N Hillis	LA01/2015/0459F	27/06/2018 24/10/2018 27/02/2019	Defer Defer Defer
	Cllr B Chivers	LA01/2017/1599/O		
	Cllr A Robinson	LA01/2017/0625/F	24/10/2018	Application Approved
	Cllr K Mulholland	LA01/2017/1001/F		Referral Withdrawn
	Cllr C McShane	LA01/2017/1492/F	24/10/2018	Disagree
	Ald A Robinson	LA01/2018/0162/O	28/11/2018	Application Withdrawn
	Ald A Robinson	LA01/2017/1605/O		Application Withdrawn
	Cllr S Quigley	LA01/2017/1580/O	22/08/2018 24/10/2018	Defer Agree
	Ald A Robinson	LA01/2017/1449/O	27/02/2019	Agree
	Ald A Robinson	LA01/2017/1178/F	24/10/2018	Application Withdrawn
Q2	Cllr R Loftus	LA01/2016/1370/O	28/11/2018 19/12/2018	Defer Agree
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2017/0555/F	24/10/2018	Disagree
	Cllr B Douglas	LA01/2017/0664/O		Application Withdrawn
	Cllr B Chivers	LA01/2017/1391/F	24/10/2018	Agree

	Cllr K Mulholland	LA01/2018/0566/O	24/10/2018 28/11/2018	Defer Agree
	Cllr T Clarke	LA01/2018/0595/O	24/10/2018 28/11/2018	Defer Agree
	Cllr S McGlinchey	LA01/2018/0007/F	19/12/2018	Agree
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2017/0441/F	24/10/2018 28/11/2018	Disagree
	Ald A Robinson	LA01/2017/1291/F		Referral Withdrawn
	Cllr S Quigley	LA01/2017/1648/F	26/09/2018 28/11/2018	Agree Disagree
	Cllr S McGlinchey	LA01/2018/0474/O	23/01/2019 04/03/2019	Defer Disagree
	Cllr S McGlinchey	LA01/2018/0476/O	23/01/2019 04/03/2019	Defer Disagree
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/0037/F	26/09/2018 24/10/2018	Defer Agree
	Cllr C McShane	LA01/2017/1372/O		
	Cllr O Beattie	LA01/2017/1231/O	27/02/2019	Defer
	Cllr A Callan	LA01/2018/0103/F	28/11/2018	Agree
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2017/0906/F	24/10/2018	Application Withdrawn
	Cllr W McCandless	LA01/2017/0221/F	24/10/2018 28/11/2018	Defer Agree
Q3	Cllr K Mulholland	LA01/2018/0426/F	28/11/2018	Disagree
	Cllr S Quigley	LA01/2017/1620/O	19/12/2018	Agree
	Cllr S Quigley	LA01/2017/1311/O	28/11/2018	Defer
	Cllr J Finlay	LA01/2017/1207/F		
	Cllr W Blair	LA01/2017/1208/F	28/11/2018	Disagree
	Cllr A McLean	LA01/2018/0715/O		
	Cllr A Callan	LA01/2018/0393/F	23/01/2019	Defer
	Cllr C McShane	LA01/2017/1101/O	28/11/2018	Application Withdrawn
	Cllr K Mulholland	LA01/2017/0765/F		
	Cllr K Mulholland	LA01/2018/1112/F	28/11/2018	Agree
	Cllr S Quigley	LA01/2018/0312/O	23/01/2019	Defer
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/0926/F		
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/0833/O	27/02/2019	Agree
	Ald A Robinson Cllr O Beattie	LA01/2017/0893/O		Referral Withdrawn
	Ald A Robinson Cllr O Beattie	LA01/2017/1244/F	19/12/2018	Defer
	Ald A Robinson Cllr O Beattie	LA01/2017/1203/LB C	19/12/2017	Defer
	Cllr J Baird	LA01/2018/0652/F	04/03/2019	Agree

	Ald A Robinson	LA01/2017/1352/O	19/12/2018	Disagree
	Cllr A Callan	LA01/2018/0082/O		
	Cllr C McShane	LA01/2016/1514/F	23/01/2019	Disagree
	Cllr A McLean	LA01/2018/0197/F	27/02/2019	Agree
	Cllr J Baird Cllr O Beattie Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/1369/N MG	23/01/2019	Application Withdrawn
	Cllr J Baird Cllr O Beattie Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/1370/N MG		Invalid Application
	Cllr T Clarke	LA01/2018/0146/F	23/01/2019	Disagree
	Cllr A Callan	LA01/2018/1060/F	27/02/2019	Disagree
	Cllr B Douglas	LA01/2018/0910/F		
	Cllr A McLean Cllr J Baird	LA01/2017/1548/F		
	Cllr C McShane	LA01/2017/0791/F		
	Cllr C McShane	LA01/2018/0830/O		
Q4	Head of Planning	LA01/2018/1114/F	23/01/2019	Agree
	Cllr S McKillop	LA01/2017/1340/O		
	Cllr S McKillop	LA01/2018/1209/O	27/02/2019	Defer
	Cllr T Clarke	LA01/2018/0224/F		
	Cllr M Fielding	LA01/2018/1172/F	04/03/2019	Defer
	Cllr B Chivers	LA01/2018/0908/O		Application Withdrawn
	Cllr A Callan	LA01/2016/1482/F	04/03/2019	Disagree
	Cllr A Robinson	LA01/2018/1174/F		Referral Withdrawn
	Cllr T Clarke	LA01/2018/0339/F	27/02/2019	Defer
	Cllr R Loftus	LA01/2017/0650/O		
TOTAL	80			

2.9 Table 7 details the number of referral requests outstanding from pre April 2018 that are requested to be presented to the Planning Committee.

Table 7: Outstanding Referrals Requested pre-April 2018

Referral Request	Requestor	Application Ref	Date of Planning Committee	Committee Recommendation Agree/Disagree
	Cllr J Deighan	LA01/2016/0937/F		
	Cllr B Chivers	LA01/2015/0919/F		
	Cllr A McLean	LA01/2015/0345/F		
	Cllr M Knight-McQuillan	LA01/2016/1072/F	23/05/2018	Defer
TOTAL	4			

Source: Unvalidated Statistics

3.0 Recommendation

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