

Appendix A6 Q1 – PLANNING & HOUSING RENEWAL

Key Activities
<p>Develop and implement the outcomes of the business case for the provision of extra care housing and seek the funding for its delivery, utilising existing public/private development partnerships to bring forward council owned assets, such as Sandham.</p> <p><i>Continuing to progress the work with Southern Housing and the Joint Commissioning Unit on the mobilisation plan for Ryde Village Extra Care Scheme</i></p>
<p>Develop a Housing Delivery action plan in response to the government’s direction by August 2019.</p> <p><i>Housing Delivery test action plan is in progress</i></p>
<p>Review the Island Plan so that it is consistent with the aspirations of the council through area-based regeneration policies and develop the policy document and its associated evidence base to ensure that it is successful at examination.</p> <p><i>A meeting was held with legal counsel to discuss approach towards the housing number and merits in approaches. The consultation responses are being summarised, analysed and potential actions identified. Further discussions have been held with the Portfolio Holder and Leader of the Council around the timescales for the production of the Island Planning Strategy (IPS). Evidence base work, such as Open Space Audit, is ongoing and new evidence (around the Island's capacity to deliver housing numbers) was scoped.</i></p>
<p>Develop and deliver an Island Housing Strategy for adoption by October 2019.</p> <p><i>A draft strategy has been written and comments from the wider Housing Conversation and across the local authority will be incorporated.</i></p> <p><i>While a housing strategy is not a statutory requirement, the isle of Wight is falling critically behind in the delivery of new homes. Having a strategic approach to what we need, where we want it and that sets out our ambitions to help achieve that will give confidence to the market and hopefully set the framework for the delivery of the homes needed over the next 5 years.</i></p>
<p>Develop and deliver an Empty Property Strategy by October 2019.</p> <p><i>The Empty Property Strategy was signed off by the cabinet member on 5 July 2019. The strategy is for the next three years but will be reviewed annually. An action plan will be developed within the next six months to deliver the actions necessary to achieve the priorities within the strategy. This will include targets, timescales and performance data. The key objectives of the strategy are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Encourage owners of empty properties to bring them back into use.</i> • <i>Prioritise premises which have been empty for over two years.</i> • <i>Consider all options available for tackling the problem and make use of informal intervention as well as formal enforcement where needed.</i> • <i>When undertaking informal intervention to make use of all available partner agencies.</i> • <i>Remove the negative impact empty properties in poor condition have on their neighbourhood</i> • <i>Develop and maintain records on empty domestic dwellings or vacant commercial premises which have potential for housing development on the Isle of Wight</i>

Just over 500 properties that have been empty for more than six months will be targeted for bringing back into use of which 154 have been empty for over two years.

Develop a unique Island case for funding to support housing delivery by March 2020.

New priority. Update will be provided in quarter 2

Work with partners to ensure the delivery of affordable housing across the Island.

The Council entered into a joint venture with PSP to deliver housing. 4 key sites are currently being worked on which could deliver 200 new homes – a mix of private rent, market sale and affordable rent within the next 2 to 3 years

The council will also revitalise a strategic housing group for the Island. This group will bring together key commissioners and suppliers and crucially involve both the private and public sectors. This group will be used to steer the development of a new housing strategy for the Island and work in partnership across all sectors to ensure the appropriate delivery of new homes and good quality management of current stock

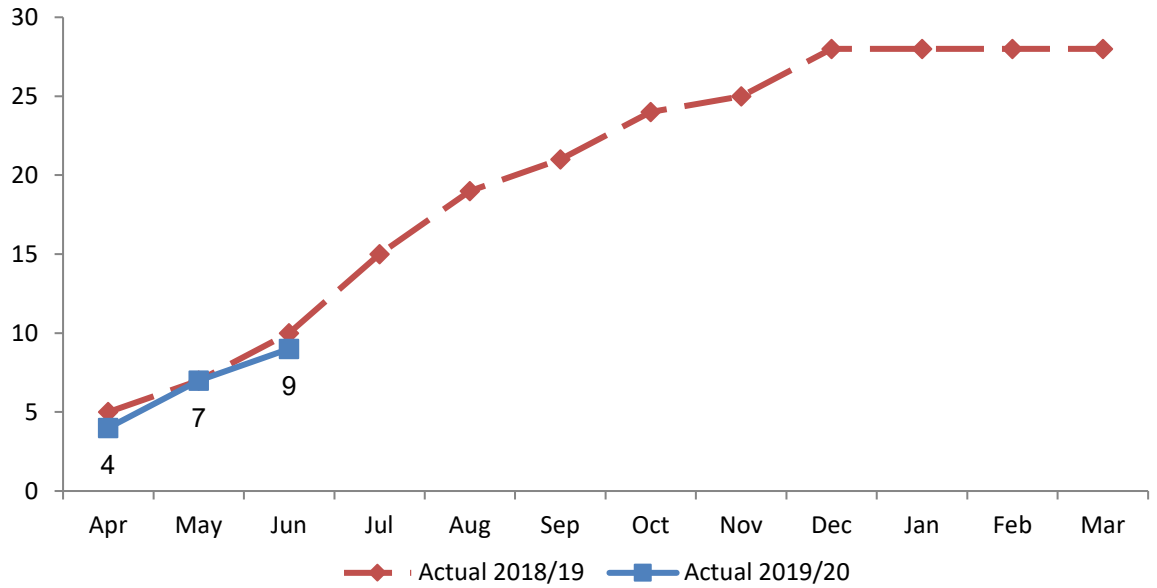
Develop and deliver a three-year strategy for spend of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) monies to enable people to remain safe at home.

Will be reviewed in Quarter 2. Most forward planning in this area is yearly in-line with the distribution of grants from central government. These grants are awarded alongside guidance regarding how they can legally distributed.

In 2018, an independent national review of DFGs took place and government is currently reviewing the findings before responding. The Council will use this response in setting its own strategy once released.

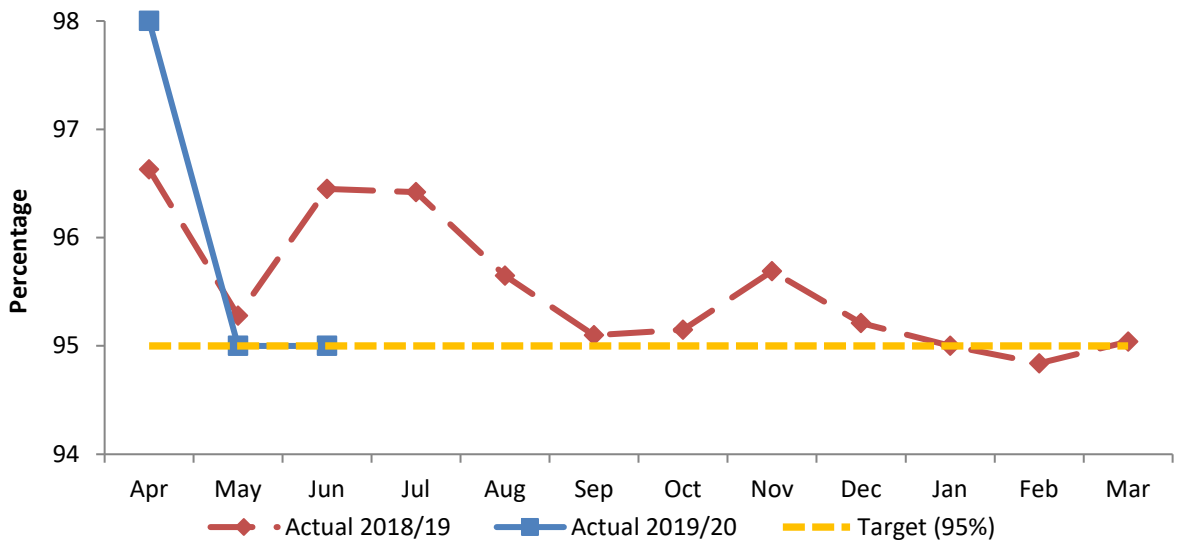
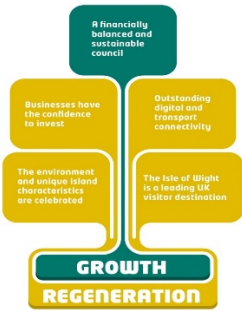
Short term measures

Number of major planning applications received (cumulative)



The number of major planning applications has returned to a steady rate following a reduction in 2018/19 Q4.

Percentage of all planning applications determined within 26 weeks



Percentage of all planning applications currently meeting the target of 95% (98% April 2019)