

## Appendix A6 Q2 – PLANNING & HOUSING RENEWAL

<b>Key Activities</b>
<p><b>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.</b></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><i>With a completion estimated at March 2020 Adult Social Care have been identifying clients that are currently receiving a 'high' package of care (10+ hours per week) that are currently renting their property. The suitability of these clients will be assessed via a review of their needs</i></p>
<p><b>Develop a Housing Delivery action plan in response to the government's direction by August 2019.</b></p> <p><i>Housing Delivery action plan is in progress.</i></p> <p><i>As part of this a Housing Delivery Company/Vehicle is being set up with the key aim of increasing the delivery of market and affordable homes on the IW to meet targets set by central government and reduce costs in terms of temporary accommodation.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally a Housing campaign to support the development of new homes by promoting the good that this will bring to the IW in terms of reducing the need for families to be in expensive temporary accommodation and other things of a social and financial benefit to residents</i></p>
<p><b>Review the Island Plan (IPS) 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.</b></p> <p><i>IPS consultation comments have now all been summarised. The next stage in the process is to go through all the consultation summaries, identify any proposed changes, assess these to then produce a set of Local Planning Authority (LPA) proposed changes to be made to the plan. This is a critical point in the process as the LPA will be making judgements on how to deal with consultees recommendations, which is likely to come under scrutiny, either by a third party or at plan examination in public.</i></p>
<p><b>Develop and deliver an Island Housing Strategy for adoption by October 2019.</b></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><i>A draft strategy will go the public consultation at the end of January 2020</i></p>
<p><b>Develop and deliver an Empty Property Strategy by October 2019.</b></p>

The local authority has launched its [Empty Property Strategy 2019-2022](#) to focus on those homes which have stood empty for more than two years by working with owners to bring them back into use to increase the supply of affordable homes for Islanders. The strategy will be reviewed annually with the first annual review being due in July 2020

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

The development of a Housing Strategy has formed a strong case to be submitted to Homes England requesting funding for social housing. The strategy includes needs based evidence showing the shortage of affordable accommodation on the IW.

**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 has revitalised 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. The group will first meet in December 2019

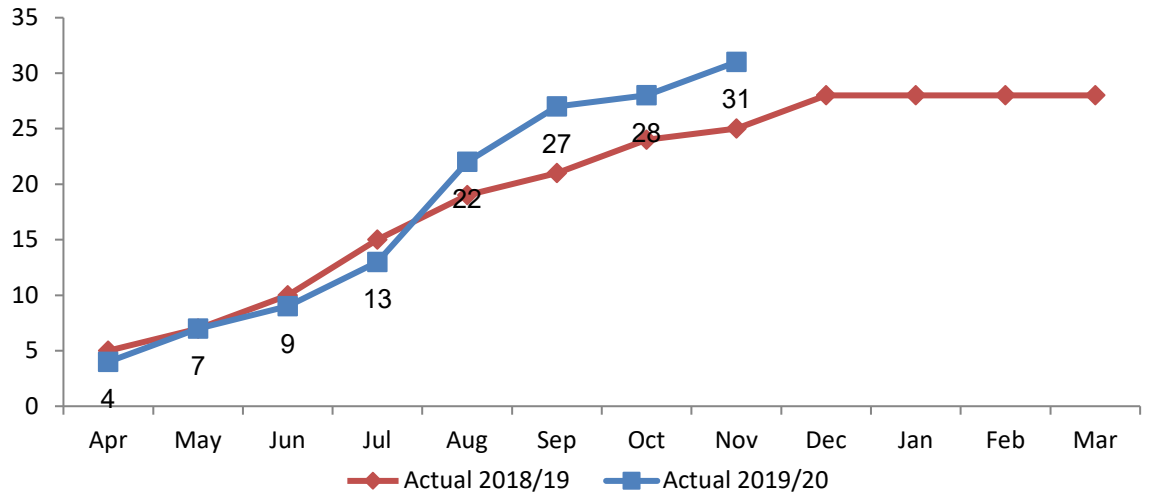
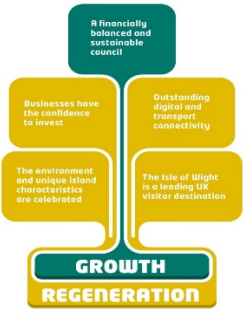
**Develop and deliver a three-year strategy for spend of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) monies to enable people to remain safe at home.**

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. The current [Adaptations for Disabled People Policy can be viewed on iwight.com](#)

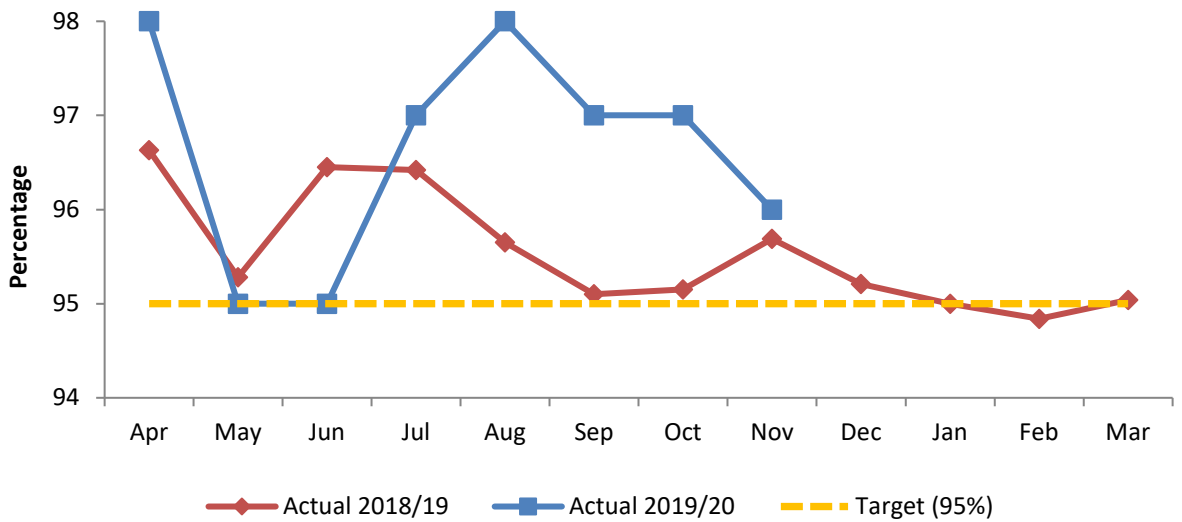
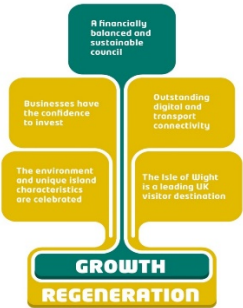
## Short term measures

**Number of major planning applications received (cumulative)**



The number of major planning applications received is increasing at a steady rate in excess of the rate of the previous year.

**Percentage of all planning applications determined within 26 weeks**



Percentage of all planning applications currently meeting the target of 95% (97% September 2019)