

## 2021/22 Q3

# PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Paul Fuller

**Portfolio Responsibilities:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Planning Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty</li><li>● Island Planning Strategy</li><li>● Local Development Framework</li></ul></li><li>○ Housing Renewal and Enforcement</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Building Control</li><li>○ Development Control<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Planning Applications</li><li>● Planning Appeals</li><li>● Planning Enforcement</li><li>● Trees and Landscape</li></ul></li></ul> |
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**Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business**

We are on track to completing the brief for a peer review of the service by April 2022 to identify areas of best practice and for improvement against comparator authorities, and then implement an action plan in response to the recommendations of any review. We aim to issue this brief at the end of January.

Progress on the development and adoption of the Island Plan is ongoing, steered and monitored by a Corporate Project Board. The draft Plan was considered by Corporate Scrutiny Committee in December and the period for representations on a draft final version is due in Q1 22/23 and submission in Q2.

Discussions are ongoing with the portfolio holder on how best to move forward the development an evidence framework to support any decisions to be taken in respect of greenfield sites not already allowed for in the draft Island Plan, within the context of the preparation of and timing for adoption of the Island Planning Strategy and any changes to national planning policy and legislation.

It is anticipated that amending the council's constitution to allow a representative from the relevant town, parish, or community council to be a non- voting member of the committee and contribute to the debate on applications in its area will be led by the Monitoring Officer, given it requires a change to the Council's Constitution Code of Practice.

The volume of all planning and building control regulatory and enforcement activity remains high, with the number of applications exceeding pre-pandemic levels.

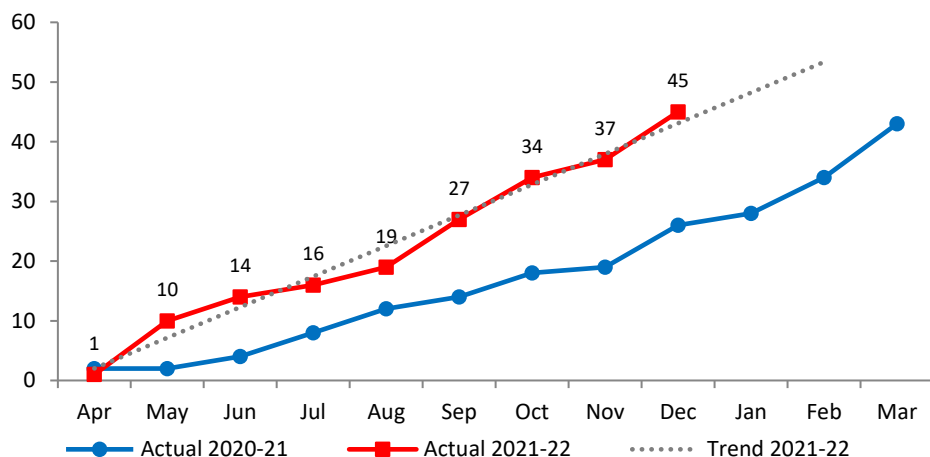
## Performance Measures

Please note that annual measures will only be reported in Quarter 4. For this portfolio, this will include:

- Proportion of new housing development commenced on brownfield land

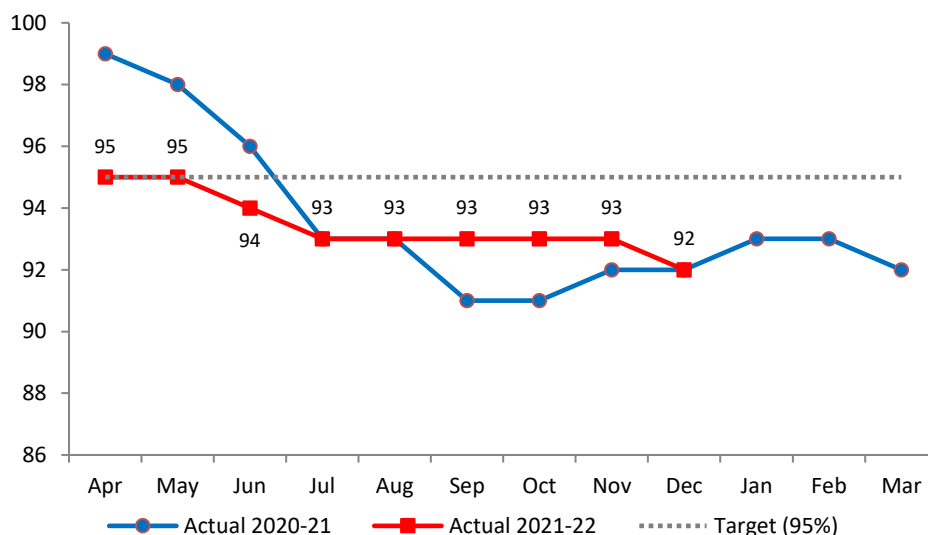
The exception to this will be annual measures that are updated during a year where it would be more sensible to bring in that change.

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



- The number of major planning applications is beginning to return to pre-pandemic levels.
- Similarly, the total number of planning applications (1852) are currently more than those received during the first three quarters of 2019-20 (1,669) and 2020-21 (1,697).

**Percentage of all planning applications processed within timescales**



- The level of total planning applications processed within timescales had remained consistent through this financial year
- While we are slightly below our target of 95 percent for all applications, we are above the provisional national average for all English unitary authorities in Major and other categories of application

Dec-21	Metric	Isle of Wight Percentage	England Average
Major	Processed within 13 weeks/Agreed time	100	88
Minor	Processed within 8 weeks/Agreed time	83	84
Other	Processed within 8 weeks/Agreed time	90	89

**Strategic Risks**

N/A