

Appendix 6 - 2021/22 Q4

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Cabinet Member: Councillor Paul Fuller

Portfolio Responsibilities:

- Planning Policy
 - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
 - Island Planning Strategy
 - Local Development Framework
- Housing Renewal and Enforcement
- Building Control
- Development Control
 - Planning Applications
 - Planning Appeals
 - Planning Enforcement
 - Trees and Landscape

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

A peer review of the Planning Service took place from 17-19 May 2022, with the Local Government Association on the island over that period to undertake interviews with stakeholders, staff, and members in order to provide recommendations for improvement. The resulting report and action plan will be shared with relevant policy scrutiny committee members once available.

The council has been successful in being awarded £1m via the government's Brownfield Release Fund (BRF) to bring forward 3 council owned sites for new housing, and work has commenced on progressing these projects. Marketing of the BRF sites is due to commence shortly. The Council has also secured One Public Estate 9 grant revenue Funding to bring forward the Old Library Site in conjunction with NHS at St Mary's to bring forward step down care facilities and keyworker housing.

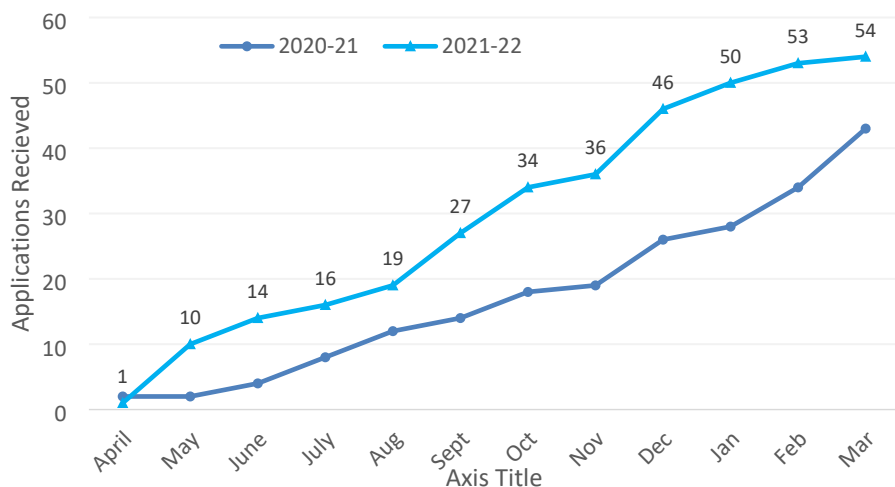
The Island Plan Strategy (IPS) process has been temporarily paused to allow for further deliberation by the administration. However, progress around consultation is ongoing and steered / monitored by the Project Board. The draft IPS content approach is subject to a Councillor Working Group which reported to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee in December 2021. The period for representation is due in Q1 22/23 and submission in Q2.

Officers are in discussion with the Portfolio Holder on how to take key activity in respect of Greenfield sites not already allowed for in the draft Island Plan forward within the context of the preparation of the Island Planning Strategy and national planning policy and legislation.

It is anticipated that amending the council's constitution to allow representatives from town, parish, or community councils to be non-voting members of the committee will be led by the Monitoring Officer, given it requires a change to the Council's Constitution Code of Practice.

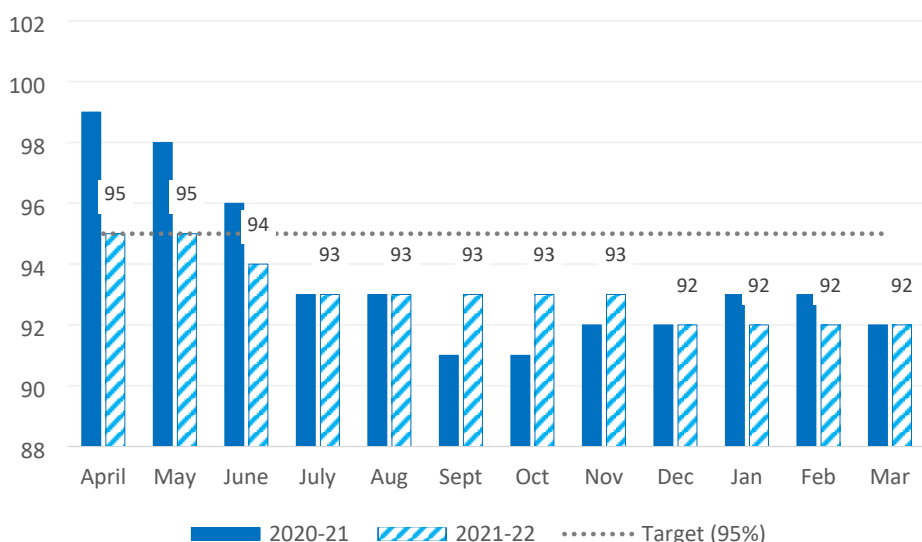
Performance Measures

Number of major planning applications received (cumulative)



- The number of major planning applications is returning to pre-pandemic levels (57 for 2019-20, 43 for 2020-21)
- Similarly, the total number of planning applications (2470) is now higher than in 2019-20 (2238) and 2020-21 (2419)

Percentage of all planning applications processed within timescales



- The level of total planning applications processed within timescales had remained relatively 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 (91 percent)

Proportion of new housing development commenced on brownfield land

- Monitoring of this measure is undertaken by Hampshire CC and runs from April to March.
- We would typically be able to provide basic numbers for the two measures in May/June for the monitoring year that had just finished

Strategic Risks (As reported to Audit Committee March 2022)

N/A