

<p style="text-align: center;">Planning for Growth Assistant Director Tom Barker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Planning for growth agenda is supported by a number of teams including Strategic Planning and Development Management. The focus is on delivering more of the right homes, in the right places, creating resilient and well served communities and encouraging and facilitating new employment opportunities.</p>				
	April - June 2018	July - September 2018	October - December 2018	January - March 2019
Main Achievements	<p>Performance on planning applications (as judged by Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government statistics) is good, with 80% of majors and 83% of non-majors delivered on time. Fifteen communities are working towards Neighbourhood Plans, Aldham and Assington have recently designated their plan areas. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Expenditure Framework was approved by Councillors in April and the first round of bids have been received. Further Member briefings on the Joint Local Plan were delivered in April, with further public consultation expected in the Autumn. The 'Visioning for Prosperity' recommendations for Greater Sudbury were approved by Cabinet in June, final documents were presented at a public open day . Planning permission for infrastructure elements of the Sproughton Enterprise Zone site and permission for the first occupier were achieved in April. The Open for Business Team is working with partners including the New Anglia LEP to develop an options appraisal for the Delphi site, Sudbury.</p>	<p>Performance on planning applications (as judged by MHCLG statistics) is good. Statistics for majors (78%) and non majors (77%) are broadly similar with performance in the last Quarter although there has been a slight drop. Neighbourhood Plans continue to be of interest to communities. In the three months ending 30 Sept 2018, five new areas were designated. The first round of bids for Community Infrastructure funding have been dealt with. The Suffolk Design project was launched with an event held on 9 July. It will produce an updated Suffolk Design Guide for adoption as supplementary planning guidance. It will also further develop the design skills of planning teams and communities working towards Neighbourhood Plans. The Joint Local Plan remains an important piece of work. The new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has placed additional responsibilities on Councils. Officers are addressing the further evidence required. The Local Development Scheme, which sets out the timetable for the Joint Local Plan, was adopted in July.</p>	<p>Performance on planning applications (as judged by MHCLG statistics) is good, with Babergh delivering 90.9% of majors in time in the three months to the end of December 2018. In relation to non-majors Babergh is at 80.8 % in time. Neighbourhood Plans continue to progress within our communities. Elmsett are intending to submit theirs later this month and Aldham are understood to be close to pre-submission stage. Copdock & Washbrook, Stutton and Woolverstone have each designated their areas for Neighbourhood Planning purposes. As part of the CIL expenditure framework review a number of Joint Member Panels have been undertaken in November and December. Work is in progress to report the outcomes and proposed changes in March. As part of the Suffolk Design project a Suffolk Development Briefing for developers and professionals to showcase good design across the County was held in early December and was well attended. Work is ongoing to draft the new County wide guidance.</p>	<p>Performance on planning applications (as judged by MHCLG statistics) showed further improvement at 100% for majors in time in the three months to the end of March 2019. On non-majors Babergh decided 95.83% applications in time. We have now introduced the changes to our charged pre-application service which were recently agreed by Cabinet. The redevelopment of the former BDC offices in Hadleigh has been approved subject to resolving outstanding technical aspects. Conditions associated La Doria's new site in Sproughton have also been approved and work has commenced on site. While the level of interest in Neighbourhood Planning (NP) continues to grow, no new NP Areas were designated in Babergh during this period. Elmsett's NP remains the most advanced in terms of progress, it having undergone Reg 16 Submission consultation in Feb/March. The Long Melford NP underwent Reg 14 Pre-submission consultation in Jan /Feb.</p>
Main Achievements cont.	<p>Statistics show that across Babergh and Mid Suffolk the direction of travel for completion of timely planning application processing based on median days has improved. For major applications in 2017 it was 133 days, in 2018 it was 130 days and in 2019 it was 80 days. This is also reflected in the non-majors, in 2017 it was 53 days, in 2018 it was 54 days and in 2019 it was 45 days. This means that we not only dealing with more in time according to government targets but we are also dealing with these more quickly across the average.</p>			

Impact on communities / the way we work	The Joint Local Plan will shape how development happens across both Districts. The various consultation stages provide a meaningful opportunity for communities to engage in the plan-making process and therefore influence the policy backdrop against which planning decisions are made.	The Joint Local Plan will shape how development happens across both Districts. The various consultation stages provide a meaningful opportunity for communities to engage in the plan-making process and therefore influence the policy backdrop against which planning decisions are made.	The Joint Local Plan will shape how development happens across both Districts. The various consultation stages provide a meaningful opportunity for communities to engage in the plan-making process and therefore influence the policy backdrop against which planning decisions are made.	The Joint Local Plan will shape how development happens across both Districts. The various consultation stages provide a meaningful opportunity for communities to engage in the plan-making process and therefore influence the policy backdrop against which planning decisions are made.
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Strategic Planning
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Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
SP01 No. of dwellings completed Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: Matt Deakin	2016/17 2017/18 2018/19	226 331	325 325 420	BDC		The 2017/18 data for Babergh shows 331 completions, which is a significant improvement on 2016/17 and has exceeded the target. In February 2019, the Babergh Core Strategy became five years old, which meant the new housing requirement was that as identified by the Government's standard method for assessing housing need, which set the requirement at 420 dwellings per year. The data for 2018/19 is expected to be available in June 2019. It will then be published in the Annual Monitoring Report in September.
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
SP02 Effective Land Supply Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: Matt Deakin	2016/17 2017/18 2018/19	3 6.7 see comment	6.5 6.5	BDC		The Annual Monitoring Report published in 2018 demonstrated a Housing Land Supply of 6.7 years. Being able to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply gives the Council more room to shape housing delivery within the district and ensure we build the housing our communities need, with local influence over developments within the district. The Annual Monitoring Report for 2018/19 will be published in September and will include the land supply figure for 2018/19.

Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
SP03 No. of neighbourhood plans at preparation stage (cumulative total) Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: Paul Bryant	2016/17		n/a	BDC		While the level of interest in N'hood Plng continues to grow, no new NP Areas were designated in Babergh during the last three months (Jan - Mar 2019). A formal re-launch of the Hadleigh NP has still not been confirmed but this plan continues to be recorded here as the NP Area has been designated. Elmsett's NP remains the most advanced in terms of progress, it having undergone Reg 16 Submission consultation btwn 11 Feb and 27 Mar. Of note also, the Long Melford NP underwent Reg 14 Pre-submission consultation in Jan / Feb 2019. For more info please see: https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-babergh/
	Qtr. 1	3				
	Qtr. 2	3				
	Qtr.3	3				
	Qtr.4	4				
	2017/18		n/a			
	Qtr.1	5				
	Qtr. 2	7				
	Qtr. 3	9				
	Qtr. 4	10				
	2018/19		n/a			
	Qtr.1	14				
	Qtr. 2	20				
Qtr. 3	22					
Qtr. 4	22					
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
SP04 No. of neighbourhood plans entering examination stage (cumulative total) Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: Paul Bryant	2016/17		n/a	BDC		No NPs were at a sufficiently advanced enough stage to qualify for this performance measure but, as noted above, the Elmsett Plan is the most advanced and will be submitted for independent examination in early April 2019.
	Qtr. 1	2				
	Qtr. 2	0				
	Qtr.3	0				
	Qtr.4	3				
	2017/18		n/a			
	Qtr.1	1				
	Qtr. 2	1				
	Qtr. 3	1				
	Qtr. 4	0				
	2018/19		n/a			
	Qtr.1	0				
	Qtr. 2	0				
Qtr. 3	0					
Qtr. 4	0					
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
SP05 No. of neighbourhood plans made (cumulative total) Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: Paul Bryant	2016/17		n/a	BDC		See also SP04 above. No NP's have been made (adopted) in Babergh since Lawshall's Plan went to a local referendum in Oct 2017.
	Qtr. 1	0				
	Qtr. 2	2				
	Qtr.3	2				
	Qtr.4	2				
	2017/18		n/a			
	Qtr.1	0				
	Qtr. 2	0				
	Qtr. 3	1				
	Qtr. 4	1				
	2018/19		n/a			
	Qtr.1	0				
	Qtr. 2	0				
Qtr. 3	0					
Qtr. 4	0					

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Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments	
GSP01 % of major applications processed 'in time' (13 wks., 16 wks. or within agreed Extension of Time/ Planning Performance Agreement) Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: John Mawdsley	2016/17		95%	BDC		Qtr 4 Performance on planning applications (as judged by MHCLG statistics) at 100% is well above the 60% benchmark set by Central Government with an improvement on the previous 3 quarters. With relatively few majors being determined each quarter the data can skew. The target set for 2018/19 aligns with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government assessment thresholds.	
	Qtr. 1	94.70%					
	Qtr. 2	100.00%					
	Qtr.3	96.00%					
	Qtr.4	100.00%					
	2017/18		95%				
	Qtr. 1	100.00%					
	Qtr. 2	87.50%					
	Qtr. 3	61.50%					
	Qtr. 4	93.30%					
	2018/19		60%				
	Qtr. 1	80.00%					
	Qtr. 2	77.78%					
Qtr. 3	90.90%						
Qtr. 4	100.00%						
GSP02 % of non major applications processed 'in time' (8 wks, or within agreed Extension of Time/ Planning Performance Agreement) Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: John Mawdsley	2016/17		85%	BDC		Qtr 4 performance on planning applications (as judged by MHCLG statistics) is above the benchmark and an improvement on the previous three quarters. Management intervention to ensure that agreed Extension of times are met has helped to improve performance and there has been continued progress to develop and customise "Enterprise" application workload management software to operational needs. This will enable officers to track and prioritise their workload with greater efficiency. The target set for 2018/19 aligns with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government assessment thresholds.	
Qtr. 1	81.00%						
Qtr. 2	80.00%						
Qtr.3	84.50%						
Qtr.4	90.60%						
2017/18		85%					
Qtr. 1	86.70%						
Qtr. 2	75.30%						
Qtr. 3	77.40%						
Qtr. 4	85.80%						
2018/19		70%					
Qtr. 1	83.26%						
Qtr. 2	77.41%						
Qtr. 3	80.80%						
Qtr. 4	95.83%						
GSP03 % of the total number of major decisions made by the authority on applications that are then subsequently overturned at appeal Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: John Mawdsley	2018/19	1.70%	<10%	BDC		Data reflects the position to date for planning decisions 01 July 2016 to 30 June 2018. MHCLG allow 9 months following the planning decision for appeals to work their way through the process which would take the period through to 31 March 2019.	

Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments	
GSP06 % of delegation rate Cabinet Member: Nick Ridley Data Owner: John Mawdsley	2016/17		90%	BDC		Performance for Qtr 4 for 2018/19 is an estimate and reflects the fact that fewer committees were held in this period.	
	Qtr. 1	93.70%					
	Qtr. 2	95.80%					
	Qtr.3	94.50%					
	Qtr.4	97.40%					
	2017/18		90%				
	Qtr.1	96.70%					
	Qtr. 2	95.40%					
	Qtr. 3	94.50%					
	Qtr. 4	94.80%					
	2018/19		90%				
	Qtr.1	94.60%					
	Qtr. 2	95.10%					
Qtr. 3	94.40%						
Qtr. 4	99.98%						