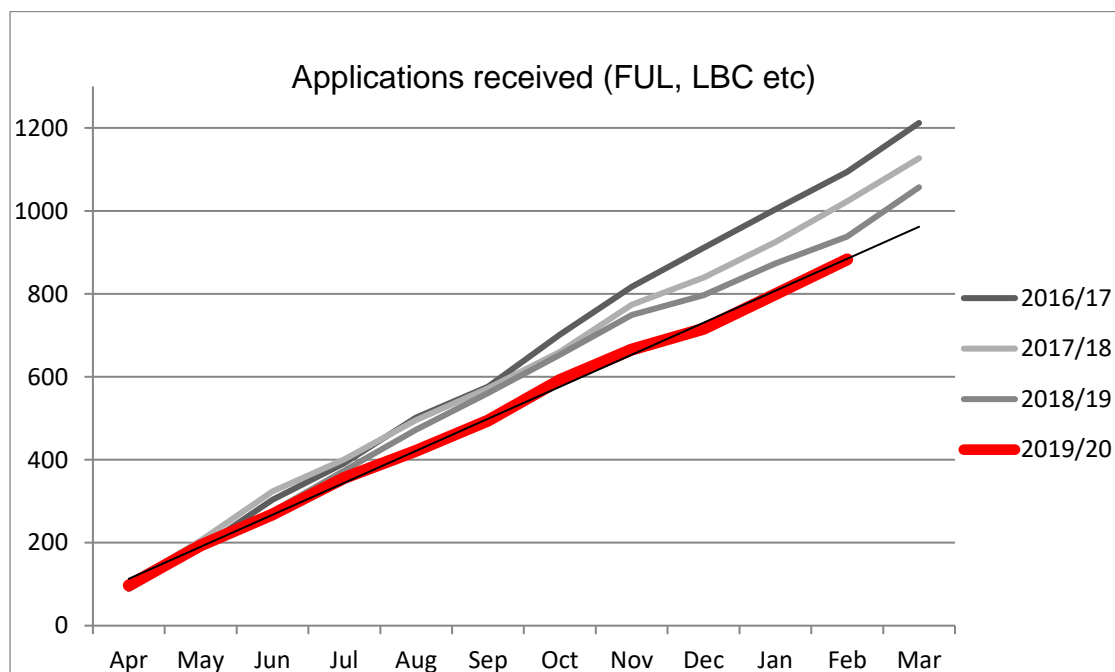


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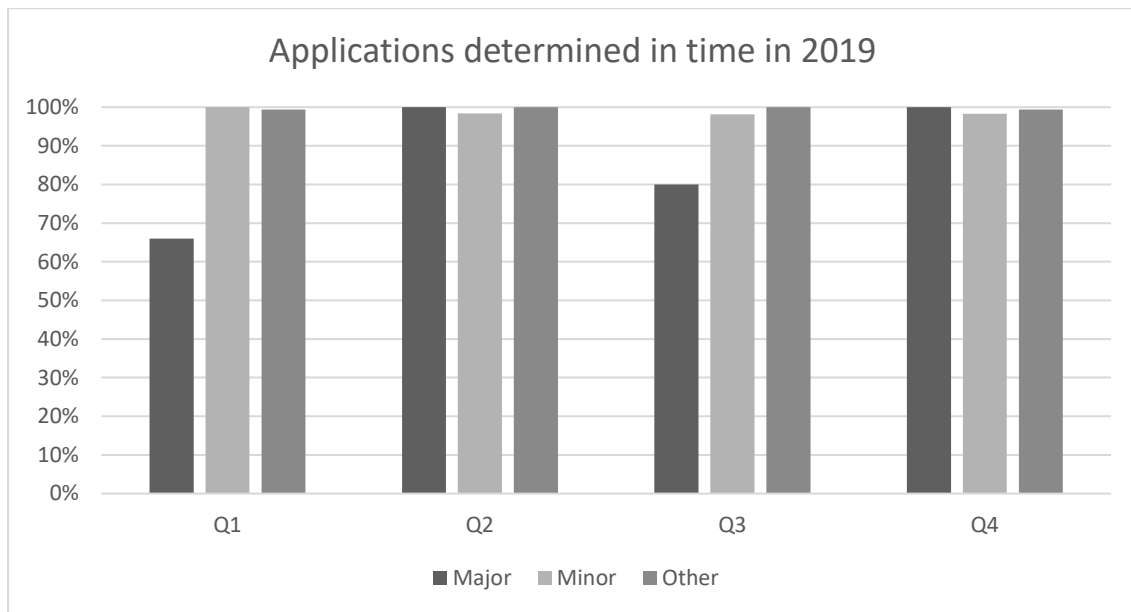
Planning Development Management Update

Development Management:

The reduction in the total number of all applications (including conditions discharge etc) received between April and January has reduced to 12% less than the same time last year and the reduction in the narrower measure of applications (FUL, LBC etc) has dropped slightly to 5.9% down on the same period last year (see chart below).



The percentage of planning applications decided within time remains at around the highest levels recorded for the department (see chart below). This performance remains close to the highest figures achieved across the country.



As well as monitoring the speed of determination applications, the Secretary of State also operates a 'quality' assessment of decisions – effectively an appeal decision failure rate. The rate of 'lost' appeals remains very low and comfortably below national limits – for both Major and non Major developments. Officers continue to focus on ensuring this is the case as those planning authorities that exceed the maximum rates risk losing control over determining future applications and possible intervention by the Secretary of State to raise performance. There is no danger of that occurring in Brentwood although this requires ongoing vigilance. Overall about four out of five appeals since April have been dismissed.

There are an increasing number of larger developments coming forward as pre application discussions and applications with more to come in relation to the emerging local development plan. This is partly the reason that planning income is above target, and revised pre app fees and charges were agreed at the January P&L committee and will be implemented from April onwards.

Planning and Licensing Fees and Charges

The Committee approved changes to Planning and Licensing charges for 2020/21. These were incorporated into the budget setting process approved at Ordinary Council on 4 March 2020.

Response to Castle Point Local Plan

The committee approved a response to Castle Point Borough Council's Pre-Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) consultation. The response set out support for steps to prepare a plan that seeks to meet local development needs, but raised several questions regarding the methodology used to calculate this and the ability to deliver this many new homes. Both councils are partners in the Association of South

Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) and so cooperation with each other's plan-making processes is important.