

Report on	Building Control Workload
Date of Meeting	9 th June 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report		
1.1	To provide Members with an update on the workload analysis for Building Control across Mid-Ulster District Council.		
2.0	Background		
2.1	<p>Building Control applications are received in three different forms:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Full Applications - submitted with detailed working drawings. b Building Notices - minor work not usually requiring detailed plans, e.g. provision of insulation to roof space, etc. c Regularisation Applications – where work has been carried out without an approval, an application must be submitted for retrospective approval. 		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	Workload Analysis	April/May 2020	Accumulative 2020/21
	Total number of Applications	102	102
	Full plans applications received	91	91
	Building Notices applications received	10	10
	Regularisation applications received	1	1
	Estimated value of works submitted	£18,035,686	£18,035,686
	Number of inspections carried out by Building Control Officers	440	440

	Commencements	122	122
	Domestic Dwellings	96	96
	Domestic alterations and Extensions	22	22
	Non-Domestic work	4	4
	Completions	39	39
	Domestic Dwellings	25	25
	Domestic alterations and Extensions	10	25
	Non-Domestic work	4	4
	Property Certificates Received	108	108
3.2	<p>Covid-19 – Following the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Building Control Department continued to maintain the service to the public.</p> <p>The BC Department maintained a Building Control Officer and a Business Support Officer presence in each office to ensure that service delivery was maintained where required across the District.</p> <p>The remaining Officers which were not required to be in the Office were able to work from home. They processed applications submitted which enabled decisions to be issued. In addition, officers were still available to answer queries from architects, agents and contractors where required.</p> <p>Due the risks initially identified, inspections of foundations were maintained where conditions on site allowed the Building Control Officer to enter. This enabled construction work to proceed on site where possible.</p> <p>Following the completion of risk assessments and detailed procedural documents, inspections re-commenced on 11th May 2020 for all open air works as well as completion inspections for unoccupied buildings subject to buildings being fully ventilated and social distancing measures etc. being observed.</p> <p>All office based services including Property Certificate applications have continued to be processed and returned within the required period to allow transactions to be completed where necessary.</p>		

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – List of significant applications received by Building Control.