

Report on	Building Control Workload
Date of Meeting	8 th December 2020
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	No	X

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> <p>a Full Applications - submitted with detailed working drawings.</p> <p>b Building Notices - minor work not usually requiring detailed plans, e.g. provision of insulation to roof space, etc.</p> <p>c Regularisation Applications – where work has been carried out without an approval, an application must be submitted for retrospective approval.</p>		
3.0	Main Report		
3.1	Workload Analysis	November 2020	Accumulative 2020/21
	Total number of Applications	176	960
	Full plans applications received	61	460
	Building Notices applications received	93	404
	Regularisation applications received	22	90
	Estimated value of works submitted	£14,543,718	£100,770,185
	Number of inspections carried out by Building Control Officers	789	4281

	Commencements	171	937
	Domestic Dwellings	60	428
	Domestic alterations and Extensions	97	426
	Non-Domestic work	14	83
	Completions	158	688
	Domestic Dwellings	64	343
	Domestic alterations and Extensions	87	303
	Non-Domestic work	7	42
	Property Certificates Received	188	1150
3.2	As previously indicated, the Building Control Department have continued to provide a full service to the Public as required during the Covid-19 Pandemic.		
3.3	It should be noted from the Workload Analysis in 3.1, that the full range of applications are being received and administered in accordance with our procedures and performance criteria.		
3.4	During the initial stages of Covid-19, the number of applications submitted as well as the number of requested inspections reduced considerably as the result of the initial lockdown.		
3.5	However, it should be noted that the demand for the service has recovered considerably as the result of the lockdown guidance being amended during the past number of months.		
3.6	It is currently difficult to assess the continued impact of Covid-19 on the local construction sector but to date there appears to have been a higher than anticipated level of resilience producing a strong level of activity both in the construction sector as well as in the property sales sector.		
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.