

POLICY COMMITMENT

**1. Deliver an ambitious and diverse programme of building:** increase the supply of high quality market and affordable housing.

Additional homes update

In July, Planning Committee permitted the variation of condition 2 attached to Planning Consent reference number 20190833 Garage Block and part of Amenity Space adjacent to Constable Road and Rembrandt Drive, to move of the siting of the detached bungalow 1.50m to the east.

The public speaker advised that the need to move the position of the approved bungalow 1.50m (known as site A) to the east wasn't picked until the successful tenderer noticed the issue while they started to look at the practicalities of building the house.

Affordable Housing update

During Quarter 2, we saw 74 affordable homes completing across several sites.

The largest number of completions this quarter took place at Bridge Close where WKHA took handover of 26 homes.

GBC took handover over of Admiral Beatty House 24 units all for Affordable Rent

A further 15 homes for Shared Ownership were completed at Cable Wharf by TCH, as well as a further 9 for Shared Ownership on Phase 3 at Springhead by Moat.

A breakdown of affordable homes delivered during Quarter 2 in terms of type and size is detailed below:

Affordable Rent  
 12 x 1 bed flat  
 12 x 2 bed flat  
 4 x 2 bed house  
 2 x 3 bed house

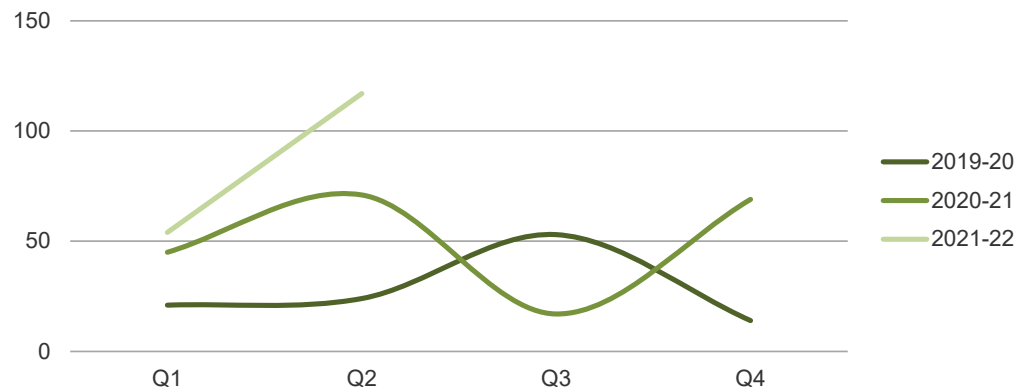
Shared Ownership  
 4 x 1 bed flat  
 11 x 2 bed flat  
 13 x 2 bed house  
 16 x 3 bed house

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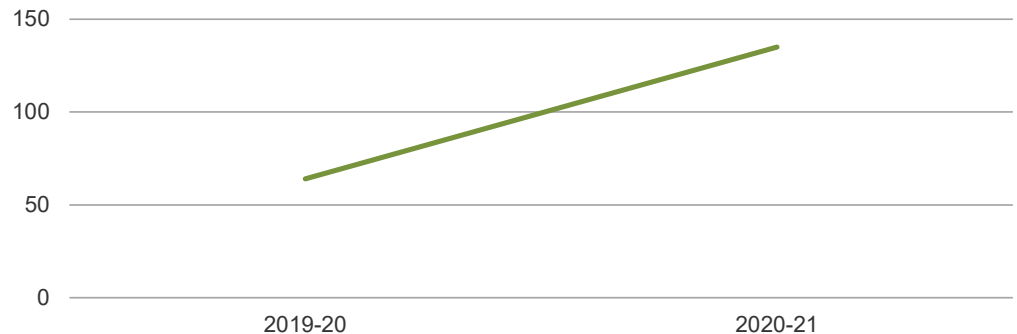
P I 14 Total number of net additional homes added to the council tax valuation list

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	21	24	53	14
2020-21	45	71	17	69
2021-22	54	117		
2022-23				



P I 15 Gross number of affordable homes delivered

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	Annual indicator			64
2020-21				135
2021-22				
2022-23				



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**1. Enhance the vibrancy of the Gravesham economy:** deliver a programme of strategic regeneration schemes, supported by an effective Town Centre team.

Town centre vacancies held steady during this quarter at 12.5%, remaining below the national vacancy rate of 14.5%. Footfall also recorded a slight increase on the previous quarter, but remains at around 70-80% of pre-pandemic footfall levels.

The hybrid planning application for Albion Waterside Canal Basin Gravesend (20210270) was taken to Planning Committee in July. The proposed development includes up to 1,500 homes and up to 4,500sqm (GIA) of commercial floorspace. It was resolved that the application be granted conditional permission subject to:

- Referral to the Secretary of State as a departure from the adopted Development Plan;
- Finalisation of planning conditions and informatives, a draft list of which are included with the main report; and any additional conditions in the supplementary reports;
- Completion of a legal agreement under s106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to maximise the delivery of affordable housing and to deliver mitigation needed to make the development acceptable in planning terms.

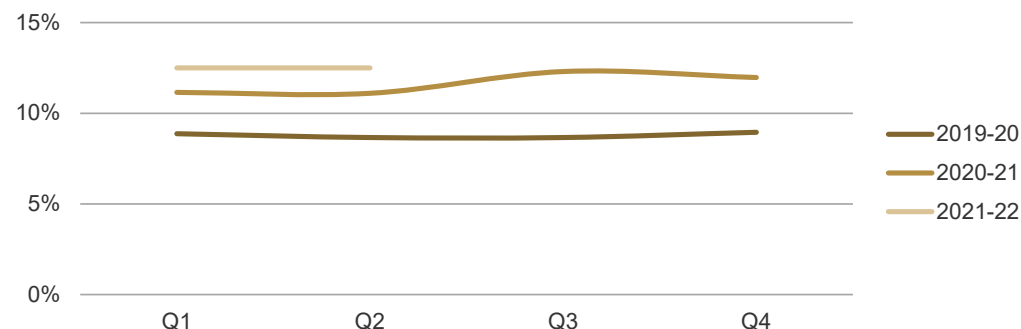
Following a delay with the applicant signing the s106, the planning permission for the Former Poundworld 1-2 Kind Street was issued in July 2021.



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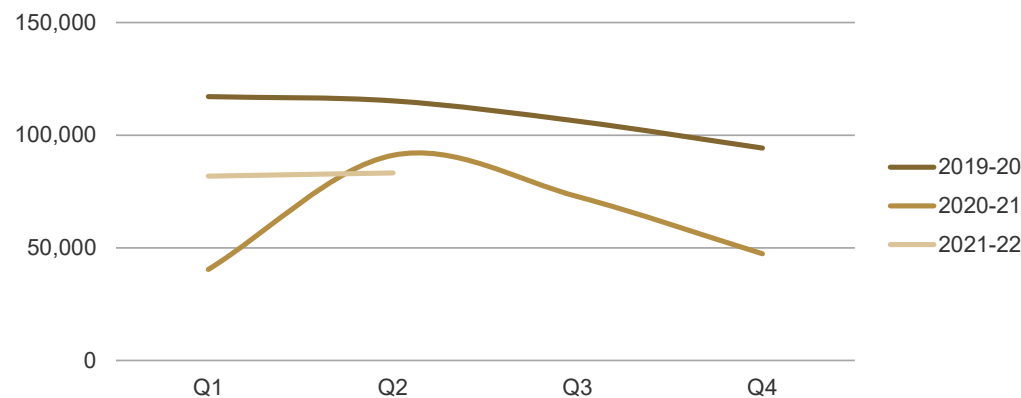
PI 28 % rate of vacant town centre retail properties

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	8.9%	8.7%	8.7%	9.0%
2020-21	11.2%	11.1%	12.3%	12.0%
2021-22	12.5%	12.5%		
2022-23				



PI 29 Average weekly Town Centre footfall

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	117,111	115,228	106,208	94,276
2020-21	40,386	91,077	72,701	47,360
2021-22	81,812	83,246		
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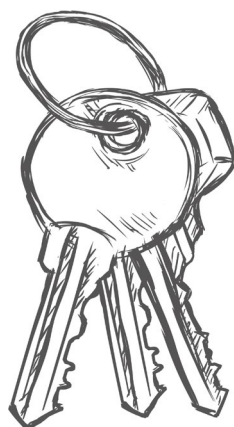
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**2. Raise Gravesham's economic profile:** develop business and transport infrastructure and improve local land usage through a diversified commercial premises portfolio.

By the end of July, 100% of the Council's £3,088,725 Additional Restrictions Support Grant allocation had been distributed to local businesses. This unlocked a 'top-up' of £692,120 which will enable the remainder of the Council's economic stimulus package to be funded, including grants to local businesses.

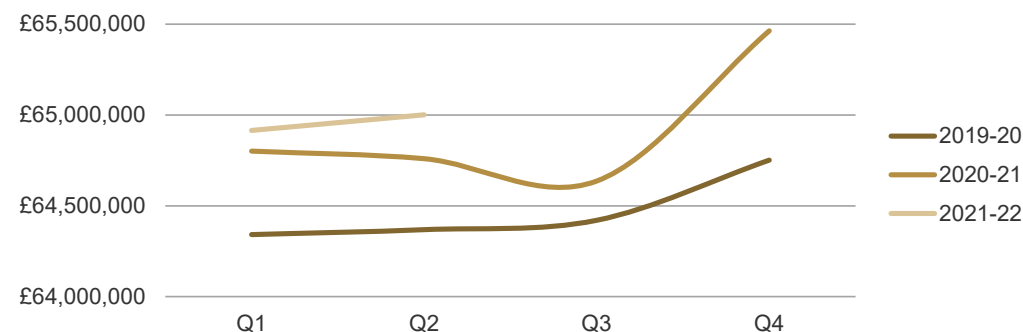
The Retail Group were appointed to prepare a Town Centre Recovery Plan to be funded from Reopening High Streets Safely/Welcome Back Funding. This has been completed and has been reviewed to identify priorities and next steps in respect of resourcing.

Development of 6 no. new industrial, warehouse and trade counter units at Coldharbour Road is nearing completion. The Ebbsfleet Development Corporation are undertaking steps to confirm a preferred development scheme for between 30,000 and 45,000 sq.ft of employment floorspace for a range of occupiers at Northfleet Embankment East. Additional commercial space is planned at Clifton Slipways, within St George's Phase 2, Albion Waterside and at North East Gravesend.



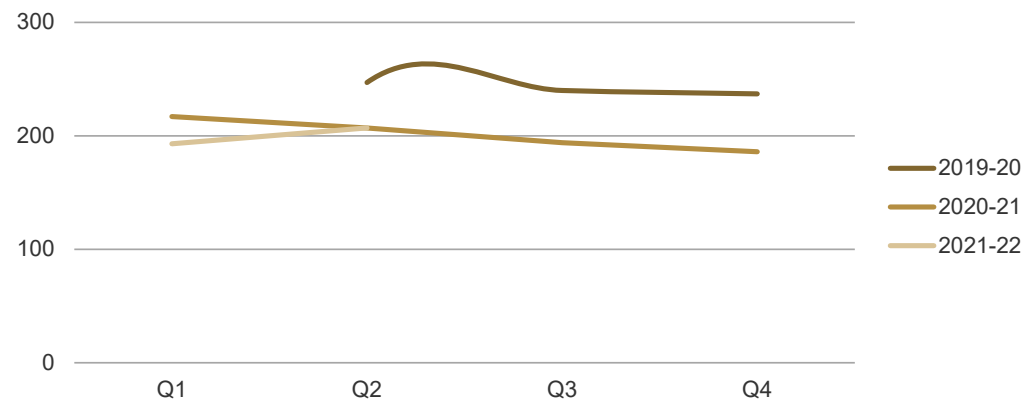
### PI 30 Total rateable value of all commercial properties

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	£64,341,435	£64,368,585	£64,420,185	£64,751,422
2020-21	£64,801,072	£64,759,342	£64,636,262	£65,463,462
2021-22	£64,914,937	£65,000,977		
2022-23				



### PI 31 Total number of vacant commercial properties

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	N/A	247	240	237
2020-21	217	207	194	186
2021-22	193	207		
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**3. Promote a borough 'open for business':** with a focus on retaining existing businesses and encouraging new start-ups, increase the level and range of business investment to drive economic growth.

London Resort

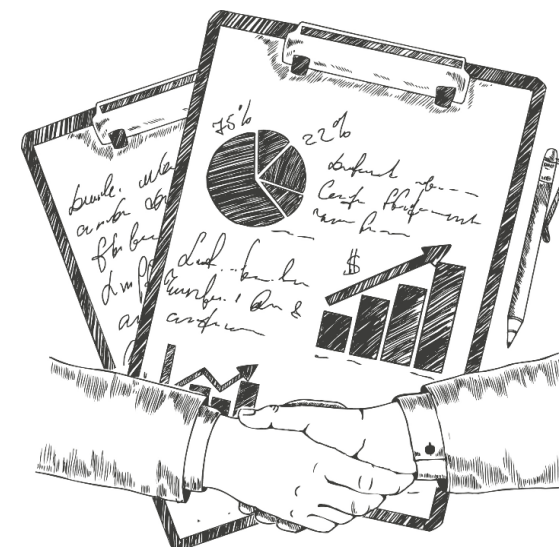
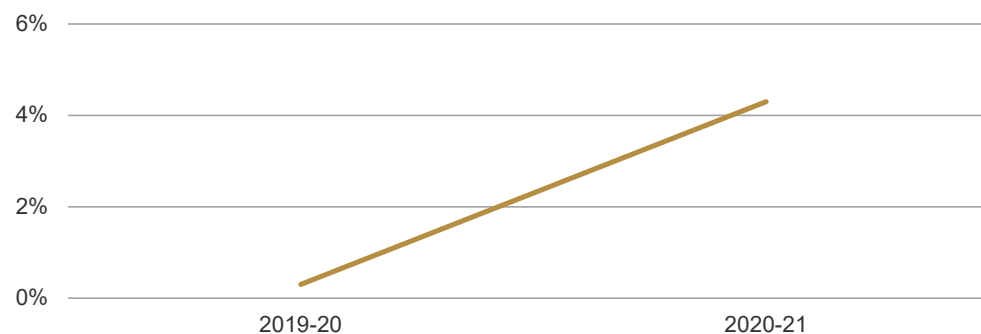
During this quarter, the Examining Authority has made a number of procedural decisions and accepted a number of additional Submissions from the Applicant and Interested Parties, which have been added to the examination library.

In mid-September the Examining Authority wrote to London Resort Company Holdings has decided that it is still not in position to finalise the date(s) of the Preliminary Meeting. It also asked the applicant to provide a detailed explanation, by 27 October 2021, of whether all baseline information and all assessments in the Environmental Statement will be sufficiently current to form the basis of an Examination that would start no earlier than April 2022.

The Examining Authority did not consider that the Applicant's response, dated 1 September 2021, to a previous similar question was sufficient.

On 29 September, Savills on behalf of the Applicant, submitted their sixth Progress report.

P I 32	% net gain in active businesses <i>(refers to previous year)</i>			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	Annual indicator			0.3%
2020-21				4.3%
2021-22				
2022-23				



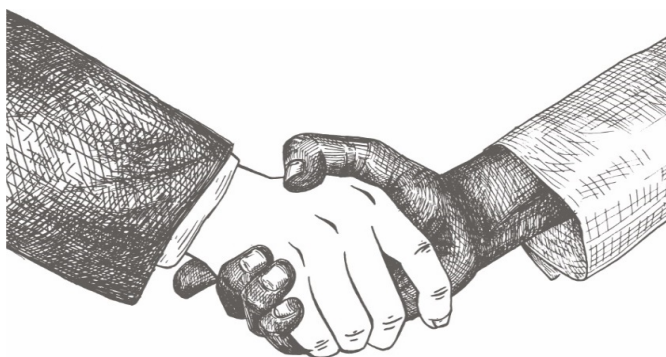
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**4. Improve economic conditions:** alongside key partner agencies, develop a package of measures that support local enterprises and deliver a workforce with the skills needed by modern business.

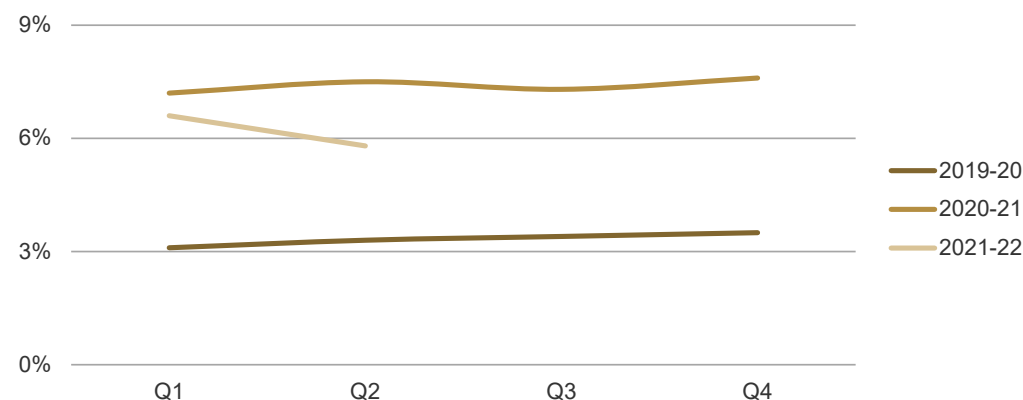
There has been a further drop in the numbers of people unemployed (3,770 people) in the Borough, including young people unemployed (695 people). We currently do not have access to vacancy data at a district level, but nationally vacancies hit a record high this quarter. Growth was seen across all sectors, with the highest rates in transport and storage, construction, and wholesale & retail.

The council made a commitment to provide 34 work placements for young people under the Kickstart Scheme. These placements last for a period of six months. 17 placements, primarily within the Council's Operational Services and Housing Services Directorate, with interviews due to be held for a further 5 positions. Wrap around employment support is provided via North Kent College. The council's employability support officer is progressing the scheme and matching suitable candidates with placements within the council. Nationally, the Government announced that the Kickstart Scheme has been extended to March 2022.



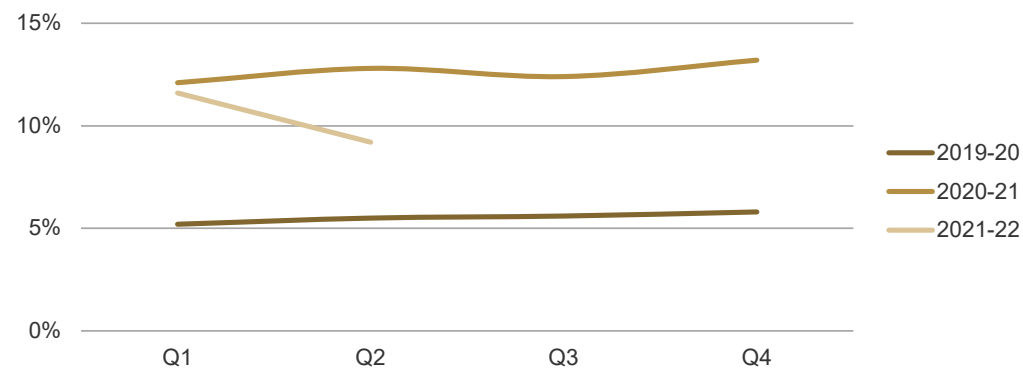
PI 33 % rate of resident unemployment

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%
2020-21	7.2%	7.5%	7.3%	7.6%
2021-22	6.6%	5.8%		
2022-23				



PI 34 % rate of youth unemployment

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	5.2%	5.5%	5.6%	5.8%
2020-21	12.1%	12.8%	12.4%	13.2%
2021-22	11.6%	9.2%		
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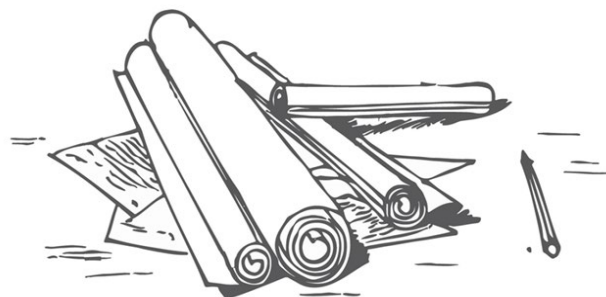
**5. Positively promote sustainable development:** deliver a pro-active development management service, underpinned by a sound Local Plan that protects and enhances our historic natural and built environment.

In support of the outturns for PI 36 and PI 37, a breakdown of the number of planning applications decided in Q2 can be sourced in the table below;

**Total number of planning applications decided on time**

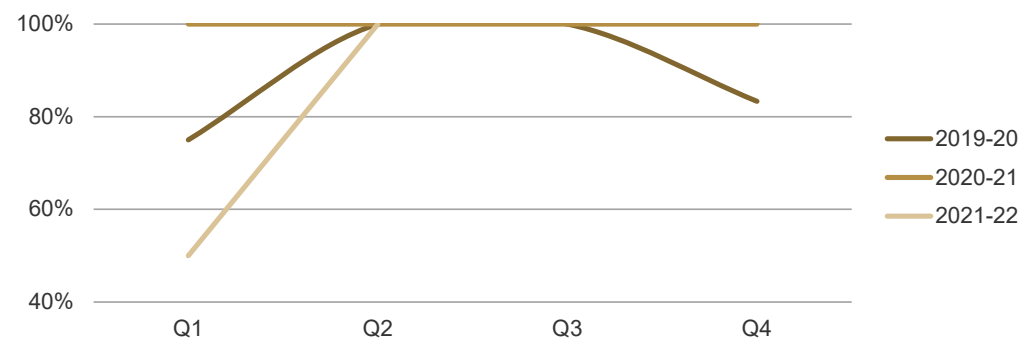
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2019/20	Major	3 / 4	5 / 5			
	Non-major	128 / 215	171 / 221			
2020/21	Major	2 / 2	2 / 2	3 / 3	0 / 0	7 / 7
	Non-major	190 / 200	164 / 164	169 / 175	226 / 236	749 / 775
2021/22	Major	1 / 2	5 / 5			
	Non-major	248 / 254	228 / 233			
2022/23	Major					
	Non-major					

In addition, an overview of Biodiversity Net Gain Metric 3.0S was given at Strategic Environment Cabinet Committee on 27 September 2021.



**PI 35 % of 'Major' planning applications processed on time**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	75.0%	100%	100%	83.3%
2020-21	100%	100%	100%	100%
2021-22	50.0%	100%		
2022-23				



**PI 36 % of 'Non-Major' planning applications processed on time**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019-20	61.4%	77.0%	77.0%	85.8%
2020-21	94.5%	100%	96.6%	95.8%
2021-22	97.6%	97.9%		
2022-23				

