

 <b>Executive</b> <b>11 December 2013.</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>13(C)</b>
<b>Title</b>	New Enforcement Procedure	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	All wards within the district	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Paragraph 207 NPPF Peer Challenge Review page 9	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	Yes-556
<b>Equality &amp; Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	No (If No state why below)
N/A	

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		
Head of Service		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		
<b>Consultation &amp; Community Engagement</b>		
None required		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report proposes the introduction of the new Planning Enforcement Policy as at Appendix 1.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Executive agrees the policy as set out at Appendix 1 and authorise its adoption with effect from 1st January 2014.
- 2.2 That Executive notes that:-
- (i) It is intended that an enforcement update report be taken to Planning Committee on a quarterly basis to include a summary of the targets achieved as set out at Appendix 2 within the policy.
  - (ii) It is intended that the Enforcement Procedure be reviewed on annual basis by Officers.

## **3.0 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The recent peer challenge review recommended that the Council publish an enforcement policy in addition the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 207 recommends that Local Planning Authorities should consider publishing a local enforcement plan to manage enforcement proactively.
- 3.2 The policy provides an overview of the enforcement investigation processes, it identifies priorities and service level targets which will provide clarity and the expected service levels for everyone coming into contact with the service.
- 3.3 In view of recent changes to provide officers with delegated powers to serve enforcement notices, the Planning Committee will be provided with an overview of the team's performance on a quarterly basis.
- 3.4 In order to ensure the policy is up to date, it is also proposed that officers review the policy annually.

## **4.0 POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 4.1 The policy is in accordance with the recommendations made in paragraph 207 of the NPPF.
- 4.2 **Fit for the Future**- the introduction of the Enforcement Procedure and publication to the Councils website will help to protect the environment by informing the district of the procedures and possible outcomes if development is carried out without the correct consents/permissions.

## **5.0 BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There are no specific budgetary implications arising from the content of this report.

## **6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 No alternative options were considered having regard to the recommendations of paragraph 207 of the NPPF and the peer challenge review.