

Report on Open Enforcement Cases

Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the current situation regarding the enforcement caseload.

Recommendations

- That the report be received
- That a further update be provided alongside the next quarterly monitoring report on cases where enforcement action has been authorised.

Background

In accordance with previous Committee decisions, the format of this report shows existing and previous enforcement cases. The Table included in this report shows the total number of outstanding cases in one format (shown below).

In the quarter (October - December 2017/January to March 2018) 63 new cases were reported and in the last quarter (April to June 2018) a further 86 new cases have been reported, more than the previous quarter (63). The current number of open cases is 297. The number of open cases has increased in this quarter.

A number of the cases indicated in the Table below have associated pending planning applications that are awaiting determination (11 as at 02 July 2018).

Conclusions

It remains inevitable that some cases in the 'backlog' will remain open for some time because of their complexity.

Progress continues to be made in tackling older cases and there is still a significant body of work being undertaken behind the scenes, which has led to progress in several complex cases. Officers' enforcement workload is regularly reviewed to ensure continuity and case progression, and will continue to be undertaken.

Current Outstanding Enforcement Cases

The Table below shows the current statistics in comparison to the previous Quarter.

Current Enforcement Status

| Year | Total | Open | C1 | C2 | C3 | BOC | L | M | H |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2018 | 146 | 65 | 1 | 59 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 2017 | 266 | 42 | 1 | 32 | 9 | - | - | - | - |
| 2016 | 259 | 30 | 1 | 16 | 13 | - | - | - | - |
| 2015 | 238 | 29 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 2014 | 212 | 38 | - | 29 | 8 | - | - | - | - |
| 2013 | 219 | 24 | 5 | 15 | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| 2012 | 229 | 18 | 7 | 8 | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| 2011 | 204 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| 2010 | 206 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 2009 | 233 | 6 | - | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 2008 | 276 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 5 | - |
| 2007 | 353 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 2006 | 280 | 6 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | 1 |

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| 2005 | 227 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| 2004 | 252 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| 2003 | 244 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 2002 | 247 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| 2001 | 204 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |

Open Cases 297
(inc Backlog)

Previous Quarter 279

Note for Table – C1, C2 and C3 are the categories agreed by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 17th February 2009 when it approved the Council’s Planning Enforcement Policy; BOC indicates that the case concerns a Breach of Condition, whilst L, M and H represent Low, Medium and High priorities respectively allocated to the pre-February 2009 cases

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