

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E3431

Update to Local Enforcement Plan

Decision maker/s	Cllr Tim Ball, Cabinet Member for Planning and Licencing
The Issue	<p>Paragraph 59 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) outlines that Local Planning Authorities should consider publishing a local enforcement plan (LEP) to ensure that enforcement can be managed appropriately and proactively. The plan should set out how the implementation of planning permissions will be monitored, how alleged cases of unauthorised development will be investigated, and what actions will be taken and when.</p> <p>Bath and North East Somerset Council most recently adopted a LEP in 2013. Whilst the principles of the 2013 plan remain relevant, an update is required to reflect the way the service currently delivers its enforcement function.</p>
Decision Date	19 th December 2022
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees to the adoption of the updated Local Enforcement Plan
Rationale for decision	The updated Local Enforcement Plan will provide confidence to residents that the Council can deal with issues when they arise. It will also ensure that all customers are fully aware of our approach, how we operate, the time frames within which customers can expect an outcome and what we can (and cannot) do. Updating the plan will therefore ensure a greater level of transparency.
Financial and budget implications	None
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Staff; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Focus Groups with staff. Emails to S151 and MO
Other options considered	The option of leaving the 2013 enforcement plan in use without an update has been considered. However, given the age of the 2013 document the aims and expectations contained within it are no longer realistic for the team or representative of common approaches at

	neighbouring councils. Retaining the 2013 plan may therefore lead to poor delivery of the stated objectives and lead to increased levels of customer dissatisfaction.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	none
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	none
Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	
Date of Signature	19 th December 2022
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	