

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report To: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
28 January 2009**

From: Councillor Martin Clark

Ward Member: ALL

Subject: DRAFT REPORT – PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The Chair and Vice Chair of the Services Panel have undertaken a 'light touch' review of planning enforcement activity and the attached report outlines the current situation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that

2.1.1 the report be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration

3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS

3.1 Priority: Improving Together Programme

3.2 Ambition: Provide accessible quality services; Be effective community leaders; Have well managed and efficient use of our resources; Improve the Council's reputation; and Have effective partnerships delivering the requirements of the community.

3.3 Outcome: Leading our communities, listen to and acting on their needs, shaping the places they live and providing feedback; having high quality, accessible services, taking account of the needs of everyone.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Since 2005 Members have received monthly and quarterly performance updates in respect of planning enforcement.

4.2 A comprehensive review of the Council's planning enforcement activities was undertaken in 2006 by the then Development Panel.

4.3 It was agreed that the Services Panel should undertake a 'light touch' review into enforcement activity before the Council ceases to exist on 31 March 2009.

5.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications:

5.2 Risk:

Risk	Category	Implications
That our resources and assets are not managed efficiently or effectively and we do not achieve value for money.	Reputation	That the Council's audit commission score re use of resources could be adversely effected.

5.3 Equality and Diversity: Equality and Diversity: Overview and Scrutiny has a role in ensuring the Council's compliance with equality and diversity requirements.

5.4 Human Resources: None

5.5 Community Safety: As 5.3 above

5.6 Legal Issues: None

Background papers:

1. None

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