

Cherwell District Council

Planning Committee

18 February 2016

Draft Local Enforcement Plan

Report of Head of Development Management

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Purpose of report

To notify members of the Draft Local Enforcement Plan (LEP), prior to it being reported to the Council's Executive on 7 March 2016 for adoption.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the Draft Local Enforcement Plan (LEP).

2.0 Report Details

- 2.1 Paragraph 207 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recommends that local planning authorities consider producing a Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) to manage enforcement proactively, in a way that is appropriate to their area.
- 2.2 Your officers consider that there are clear benefits to all stakeholders in adopting a LEP.
- 2.3 The draft LEP, which is attached at appendix 1 to this report, attempts to explain the planning enforcement process in a way that is accessible to members of the public with only limited understanding of the planning system.
- 2.4 Aside from managing public expectations, in respect of what action can and cannot be taken, the draft LEP identifies the Council's planning enforcement priorities. There are different timeframes in which action should be taken dependent on the seriousness of the alleged breach of planning control.
- 2.5 The performance of the Planning Enforcement Team will be measured against the targets identified within the LEP.

- 2.6 Any comments or observations from the Planning Committee will be reflected in the draft LEP, prior to it being reported to the Council's Executive on the 7th March 2016.

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 None

4.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below:

Option 1: To note the LEP

Option 2: Not to accept the LEP. This is not recommended as the report is submitted for Members' information only

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no additional financial implications arising for the Council from this report.

Comments checked by:

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Legal Implications

- 7.2 There are no additional legal implications arising for the Council from this report.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected:

All

Lead Councillor:

Councillor Gibbard, Lead Member for Planning

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Draft Local Enforcement Plan
Background Papers	
None	
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