

# **Cherwell District Council**

## **Executive**

**7 March 2016**

<h3><b>Local Enforcement Plan</b></h3>
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### **Report of Head of Development Management**

This report is public

#### **Purpose of report**

To consider the Local Enforcement Plan.

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To adopt the Local Enforcement Plan (Appendix 1).

#### **2.0 Report Details**

- 2.1 Paragraph 207 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recommends that local planning authorities consider publishing a Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) to manage enforcement proactively, in a way that is appropriate to their area.
- 2.2 Officers consider that there are clear benefits to all stakeholders in adopting a LEP.
- 2.3 The 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 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 Officers took into account the Joint Cherwell and South Northamptonshire Council Enforcement Policy (September 2014) when producing the draft LEP. This document will be one of the suite of documents referred to in the Appendix to the main Enforcement Policy document.

### **3.0 Consultation**

- 3.1 Councillor Michael Gibbard, Lead Member for Planning

- 3.2 Planning Committee (18 February 2016)

### **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:

Not to agree to adopt the LEP. This would inhibit the Planning Enforcement Team's ability to effectively manage breaches of planning control. It would also forego the opportunity to improve the public's understanding of the planning enforcement system.

### **5.0 Implications**

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

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

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#### **Legal Implications**

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

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### **6.0 Decision Information**

#### **Key Decision**

**Financial Threshold Met: No**

**Community Impact Threshold Met: No**

**Wards Affected**

All

**Lead Councillor**

Councillor Michael Gibbard, Lead Member for Planning

**Document Information**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Local Enforcement Plan
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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