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| Report to: | PLANNING COMMITTEE |
| Relevant Officer: | Tim Coglan (Service Manager, Public Protection) |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 March 2017 |

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee is requested to consider the summary of planning enforcement activity within Blackpool during February 2017.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the outcomes of the cases set out below and to support the actions of the Service Manager, Public Protection Department, in authorising the notices set out below.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Committee is provided with a summary of planning enforcement activity for its information.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:
Not applicable. The report is for noting only.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is 'The Economy: maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool.'

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Cases

5.1.1 New cases

In total, 66 new cases were registered for investigation, compared to 41 received in February 2016.

5.1.2 Resolved cases

In February 2017, seven cases were resolved by negotiation without recourse to formal action, compared with 10 in February 2016.

5.1.3 Closed cases

In total, 57 cases were closed during the month (33 in February 2016). These cases include those where there was no breach of planning control found, no action was appropriate (e.g. due to more effective action by other agencies, such as the police) or where it was considered not expedient to take action, such as due to the insignificant nature of the breach.

5.1.4 Formal enforcement notices / s215 notices / BCNs / Community Protection Notices

- No enforcement notices authorised in February 2017 (none in February 2016);
- No s215 notice authorised in February 2017 (one in February 2016);
- No Breach of Condition notices authorised in February 2017 (none in February 2016).

- No enforcement notices served in February 2017 (none in February 2016);
- No s215 notices served in February 2017 (three in February 2016);
- No Breach of Condition notices served in February 2017 (none in February 2016);
- No Community Protection Notices served in February 2017 (two in February 2016).

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 List of Appendices:

5.3.1 None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None