

Report to:	Planning Committee
Item number	5
Relevant Officer:	Tim Coglean, Service Manager, Public Protection.
Date of Meeting	14 th July 2014

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 June 2014.

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 Not applicable

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Cases

New cases

In total, 60 new cases were registered for investigation, compared to 53 received in June 2013.

Resolved cases

In June 2014, eight cases were resolved by negotiation without recourse to formal action, compared with sixteen in June 2013.

Closed cases

In total, 25 cases were closed during the month (69 in June 2013). 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.

Formal enforcement notices / s215 notices / BCNs

- One enforcement notice authorised in June 2014 (two in June 2013);
- Three s215 notices authorised in June 2014 (two in June 2013);
- No Breach of Condition notices authorised in June 2014 (none in June 2013);

relating to those cases set out in the table below

- One enforcement notice served in June 2014 (two in June 2013);
- No s215 notices served in June 2014 (three in June 2013);
- No Breach of Condition notices served in June 2014 (none in June 2013).

Enforcement notices / S215 notices / BCNs authorised in June 2014

Ref	Address	Case	Notice
12/8743	Units to the rear 43-45 Threlfall Road	Without planning permission the use of (i) part of the first floor of the building known as Rear Of, 43 Threlfall Road (aka Unit 1) and (ii) the first floor of the Land and Buildings Lying to West of Eccleston Road (aka Unit 2) (all accessed via the fire escape on the Eccleston Road elevation) as three self-contained flats for residential occupation. And without planning permission the installation of two windows at first floor level on each of (i) the Eccleston Road elevation and (ii) the Threlfall Road elevation.	Enforcement
13/8410	561 New South Promenade	Poor condition	Section 215
13/8534	122 Hemingway	Poor condition	Section 215
14/8108	16 Acton Road	Poor condition	Section 215

Enforcement notices / S215 notices / BCNs served in June 2014

Ref	Address	Case	Dates
11/8232	Whitegate Lodge, 237 Whitegate Drive	Unauthorised erection of a fence adjacent to highway used by vehicular traffic, namely Whitegate Drive and St Vincent Avenue, exceeding 1 metre in height, and the erection of a wooden shed	Letter of assurance served with the Enforcement Notice as owner is terminally ill

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

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