

Report to:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Tim Coglan, Service Manager, Public Protection
Date of Meeting	22 November 2016

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 October 2016.

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, 85 new cases were registered for investigation, compared to 34 received in October 2015.

5.1.2 Resolved cases

In October 2016, 12 cases were resolved by negotiation without recourse to formal action, compared with nine in October 2015.

5.1.3 Closed cases

In total, 52 cases were closed during the month (19 in October 2015). 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

- Two enforcement notices authorised in October 2016 (three in October 2015);
- No s215 notices authorised in October 2016 (nine in October 2015);
- No Breach of Condition notices authorised in October 2016 (none in October 2015);

- No enforcement notice served in October 2016 (one in October 2015);
- No s215 notices served in October 2016 (one in October 2015);
- No Breach of Condition notices served in October 2016 (none in October 2015).

5.1.5 **Enforcement notices authorised in October 2016**

Ref	Address	Case	Dates
15/8615	52 Bangor Avenue	Unauthorised erection of a boundary treatment consisting of close boarded wooden fencing adjacent to highway, namely Bangor Avenue and Lentworth Avenue, exceeding one metre in height	Enforcement action authorised 11/10/2016
15/8675	253 Promenade	Unauthorised change of use from a hotel to two self-contained permanent flats	Enforcement action authorised 25/10/2016

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.2 **List of Appendices:**

5.2.1 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