

Report to:	Planning Committee
Relevant Officer:	Tim Coglan (Head of Enforcement and Quality Standards)
Date of Meeting:	3 rd November 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 September 2014.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the outcomes of the cases set out below and to support the actions of the Head of Enforcement and Quality Standards.

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, 57 new cases were registered for investigation, compared to 48 received in September 2013.

Resolved cases

In September 2014, nine cases were resolved by negotiation without recourse to formal action, compared with ten in September 2013.

Closed cases

In total, 29 cases were closed during the month (33 in September 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

- No enforcement notices authorised in September 2014 (none in September 2013);
- No s215 notices authorised in September 2014 (one in September 2013);
- No Breach of Condition notices authorised in September 2014 (none in September 2013);

- No enforcement notices served in September 2014 (none in September 2013);
- No s215 notices served in September 2014 (none in September 2013);
- No Breach of Condition notices served in September 2014 (none in September 2013).

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