

Report to:	Planning Committee
Relevant Officer:	Tim Coglan (Service Manager, Public Protection)
Date of Meeting	6 th October 2015

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 August 2015.

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, 56 new cases were registered for investigation, compared to 51 received in August 2014.

Resolved cases

In August 2015, twenty cases were resolved by negotiation without recourse to formal action, compared with seven in August 2014.

Closed cases

In total, 35 cases were closed during the month (24 in August 2014). 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 August 2015 (one in August 2014);
- No s215 notices authorised in August 2015 (three in August 2014);
- No Breach of Condition notices authorised in August 2015 (none in August 2014);

relating to those cases set out in the table below

- No enforcement notices served in August 2015 (four in August 2014);
- Two s215 notices served in August 2015 (two in August 2014);
- No Breach of Condition notices served in August 2015 (none in August 2014).

Enforcement notices / S215 notices authorised in August 2015

Ref	Address	Case	Dates
14/860 9	8 Trent Road	Unauthorised erection of a boundary treatment consisting of close boarded wooden fencing adjacent to highway, namely Trent Road and the Access Road that links Severn Road and Trent Road together, exceeding one metre in height	Enforcement Notice authorised 19/08/2015

Enforcement notices / S215 notices served in August 2015

Ref	Address	Case	Dates
14/810 7	30 Braithwaite Street	S215 Notice – poor condition	Compliance due 10/11/2015 unless an appeal is made to the Magistrates Court by 10/09/2015
14/851 2	297 Dickson Road	S215 Notice – poor condition	Compliance due 14/12/2015 unless an appeal is made to the Magistrates Court by 14/09/2015

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