

Report to:

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Relevant Officer:

Jennifer Clayton (Acting Head of Public Protection and Enforcement)

Date of Meeting:

25 July 2023

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE – MAY 2023

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee is requested to consider the summary of Planning Enforcement activity within Blackpool, between 1 May 2023 and 31 May 2023.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the outcomes of the cases set out below and to support the actions of the Acting Head of Public Protection and Enforcement 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.

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

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

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 Not applicable.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priorities are both 'The Economy: maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool' and 'Communities: creating stronger communities and increasing resilience'.

6.0 Background information

6.1 Cases

New Cases

In total, 39 new cases were registered for investigation in May 2023 and as at 31 May 2023, there were 368 "live" complaints outstanding.

Resolved cases

In total, 9 cases were resolved by negotiation without recourse to formal action.

Closed cases

In total, 36 cases were closed. These cases include those where there was no breach of planning control found, no action was appropriate, or where it was considered not expedient to take action.

Formal enforcement notices / s215 notices

- No Enforcement Notices were authorised in May 2023;
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6.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.