TITLE: LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PLAN

Committee: Operational Services Committee

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1.0 <u>ISSUE</u>

1.1. To consider the updated Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) relating to Planning Enforcement.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1. That the updated version of the LEP finalised in January 2023 be adopted and then reviewed on a three-yearly basis moving forward.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1. The Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) relating to Planning Enforcement has not been updated since April 2014. The document did not sufficiently explain the role of Planning Enforcement, what we can or cannot deal with, how we deal with Enforcement investigations, how we decide what (if any) action should be taken and the tools available to us to take such action.
- 3.2. The LEP had been reviewed and re-written in 2016 and 2019, but has until now not received final approval from the Planning Manager to progress and take to Operational Services Committee for adoption.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSION(S)

- 4.1. The recent internal Enforcement audit highlighted the need to update the LEP, and a deadline of 31st March 2023 was agreed to do so.
- 4.2. The LEP was updated further and finalised in January 2023 and has been approved by the Planning Manager.

5.0 <u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT</u>

- 5.1. There are no additional financial implications arising from adopting this Plan.
- 5.2. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.
- 5.3. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Local Enforcement Plan