

## Report Ref No:

Report of the Head of  
Community Safety &  
Enforcement & the Head of  
Planning & Building Control to  
the Planning & Regulatory  
Board on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

### **PLANNING COMPLIANCE POLICY**

#### **1. Purpose of report**

This report seeks approval to adopt a Planning Compliance Policy.

#### **2. Recommendation**

**That Planning Regulatory Board approves the Planning Compliance Policy for recommendation to the Council.**

#### **3. Background**

The effective and proper enforcement of planning control is essential to protect the local environment and the interests of residents, visitors and businesses in the borough from the harmful effects of unauthorised development.

The planning system seeks to regulate the development and use of land in the public interest.

It is recognised that there is a need for a Planning Compliance Policy in order to enable officers to make decisions about planning issues in a consistent and informed manner and to enable a more structured approach to the process. The attached policy has been formulated in conjunction with the Development Management Services and Legal Services.

The policy sets out the council's policy for the enforcement of planning control within the borough and has been informally approved by Cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

#### **4. Proposal and justification**

The proposal is to implement the Planning Compliance Policy as soon possible in order to give guidance and direction to employees that deal with planning enforcement work.

#### **5. Implications for local people / service users**

The Policy will provide information for local people and service users with respect to how planning control issues raised with the council will be prioritised and addressed.

**6. Financial implications**

There are no financial implications.

**7. Employee implications**

Employees who deal with planning enforcement issues will be better informed and directed as to how to address planning enforcement issues.

**8. Compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights**

The proposals in this report are compatible with Convention Rights.

**9. List of appendices**

Appendix 1 – Planning Compliance Policy

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