



STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, 10 October 2022

Subject	Enforcement Performance Report – April to June 2022
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Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
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Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable
Wards Affected:	All Wards

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

To provide information on the performance of the enforcement section of the Development Management Team.

Options:

Not applicable.

Recommendation/s:

That the content of the report be noted

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

Not applicable

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

East Suffolk Council Enforcement Policy

Environmental:

Not applicable

Equalities and Diversity:

Not applicable

Financial:

Not applicable

Human Resources:

Not applicable

ICT:

Not applicable

Legal:

Not applicable

Risk:

Not applicable

External Consultees:	None
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Strategic Plan Priorities

Select the priorities of the Strategic Plan which are supported by this proposal: (Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate)		Primary priority	Secondary priorities
T01	Growing our Economy		
P01	Build the right environment for East Suffolk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
P02	Attract and stimulate inward investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P03	Maximise and grow the unique selling points of East Suffolk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P04	Business partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P05	Support and deliver infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
T02	Enabling our Communities		
P06	Community Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P07	Taking positive action on what matters most	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P08	Maximising health, well-being and safety in our District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P09	Community Pride	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
T03	Maintaining Financial Sustainability		
P10	Organisational design and streamlining services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P11	Making best use of and investing in our assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P12	Being commercially astute	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P13	Optimising our financial investments and grant opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P14	Review service delivery with partners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
T04	Delivering Digital Transformation		
P15	Digital by default	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P16	Lean and efficient streamlined services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P17	Effective use of data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P18	Skills and training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P19	District-wide digital infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
T05	Caring for our Environment		
P20	Lead by example	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
P21	Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P22	Renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P23	Protection, education and influence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
XXX	Governance		
XXX	How ESC governs itself as an authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
How does this proposal support the priorities selected? To provide information on the performance of the enforcement section			

Background and Justification for Recommendation

1 Background facts	
1.1	Following the adoption of the new Local Enforcement Plan in March 2019 and the formation of the new East Suffolk Council section it was decided that a report be presented on a quarterly basis from August 2019.
1.2	Between January and March, two Enforcement Notices, one S215 Untidy Site Notice and one Listed Building Enforcement Notice was served.

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Current position

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Cases Received and Closed April to June 2022

Month	Cases Received	Cases Closed
April	43	116
May	31	54
June	45	37

*Please note all new complaints are logged, site visited and then triaged in accord with the appropriate risk assessment.

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Reasons for Closure

Reason	April	May	June
No Breach	73	23	17
Compliance/use ceased	11	13	6
Planning Permission Granted	27	7	8
Permitted Development	1	4	0
Other Department	1	1	0
Withdrawn	1	0	2
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Time taken to close cases

<u>Time taken to close cases</u>	<u>Cases Closed in April</u>	<u>Cases Closed in May</u>	<u>Cases Closed in June</u>
<u>1-10 days</u>	2	2	2
<u>11-20 days</u>	6	9	4
<u>21-30 days</u>	2	7	2
<u>31-40 days</u>	0	0	3
<u>41 + Days</u>	106	36	26
<u>Total</u>	116	54	37

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Enforcement Notices Served April to June 2022

<u>Type of Notice</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Breach</u>	<u>Compliance period</u>
Enforcement Notice	26 Highland Drive, Worlingham	Erection of a fence over 1m adjacent to a highway	3 months
Breach of Condition Notice	Land at Dairy Farm Cottage	Breach of condition	3 months
Enforcement Notice Operational Development and Material Change of Use	Paddock 2, The Street, Lound	Erection of structures and change of use of land for stationing of residential mobile home	4 months
Enforcement Notice	40 Victoria Street, Southwold	Installation of rooflight	3 months
Enforcement Notice	18 The Esplanade, Lowestoft	Change of use for stationing of mobile homes	4 months

3	How to address current situation
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3.1	Quarterly monitoring
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4	Reason/s for recommendation
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4.1	That the report concerning Enforcement Team statistics be received
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Appendices

Appendices:

None

Background reference papers:

None
