

Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group	
Meeting Date	25 th January 2024
Report Title	Enforcement Local Plan – draft for consultation
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Classification	Open
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That members consider the draft Enforcement Local Plan 2024 - 27 for consultation, and propose any relevant amendments. 2. That members recommend the launch of a consultation period on the draft Plan.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 To seek input in the emerging Enforcement Local Plan and approve the launch of a consultation period.

2 Background

- 2.1 The current Planning Enforcement Strategy was adopted in 2021. This paper sets out plans to replace the document with an Enforcement Local Plan.
- 2.2 Plans are also in place to refresh the overarching Corporate Enforcement Strategy. Officers are ensuring there is dialogue between the two documents.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 That members consider the draft Enforcement Local Plan 2024 - 27 for consultation, and propose any relevant amendments.
- 3.2. That members recommend the launch of a consultation period on the draft Plan.

4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

- 4.1 Members could consider not consulting on the proposed policy. This would not accord with good governance or give interested parties an opportunity to

comment on the policy, make representations about it and improve it. Therefore, this option is not recommended.

- 4.2 Members could consider not refreshing the strategy until a later point. This is not recommended given the time officers have been able to invest, and the opportunity currently presented to align the Enforcement Local Plan with the Corporate Plan period.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The draft Enforcement Local Plan will be considered by Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group, and subsequently by Policy and Resources Committee prior to consultation launch.
- 5.2 Consultees will include Ward, Parish, Town Councillors and members of the public. Promotion of the consultation will be supported by the Council's Communications team.
- 5.3 Intended dates for the consultation period are 26th February 2024 – 21st April 2024.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The service is an important function to preserve the integrity of, and public confidence in, the planning system by ensuring that development accords with the rules. The draft Corporate Plan is currently out for consultation and the Enforcement Local Plan will reflect the corporate approach.
Financial, Resource and Property	The delivery and implementation of the Enforcement Local Plan is within in the allocated revenue budget.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	The framework basis for enforcement is set out within the consultation draft.
Crime and Disorder	The Enforcement Local Plan will support the rectification of breaches, and on occasions dovetails with the work of other agencies, such as Kent Police.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	No implications identified.
Health and Wellbeing	No implications identified.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	No implications identified.

Risk Management and Health and Safety	No implications identified.
Equality and Diversity	No implications identified.
Privacy and Data Protection	Data protection and privacy rules are set out in the consultation draft.

7 Appendices

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Draft Enforcement Local Plan

8 Background Papers

[Planning Enforcement Strategy 2021.](#)