

DECISION TAKER: Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan, Councillor Jackie Porter

REPORT TITLE: LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PLAN – 2025

18 JUNE 2025

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WARD(S): ALL (OUTSIDE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK)

DECISION:

1. That the Local Enforcement Plan (2025), as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, is adopted; and
2. That any minor typographical errors and updates to national legislation/guidance be delegated to the Corporate Head of Planning and Regulatory Services to make to the document, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) describes how the planning enforcement service will direct its resources to deal with alleged breaches of planning control.

The LEP sets out the national legislative framework within which Planning Enforcement must operate, relationship with other regulatory bodies, our operating principles, how to report an alleged breach of planning control and how we will deal with those establishing 2 priorities. It also sets out those matters we will not investigate and sets out how decisions are made on which cases to pursue and our approach to pro-active monitoring.

The LEP has been through extensive consultation including a series of workshops with volunteer Parish Councils as well as a 6 week period of consultation between 5th February 2025 and 20th March 2025. The consultation received 42 responses and where practical suggestions have been incorporated into the final LEP.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. A Local Enforcement Plan is recommended by national planning guidance. Engagement with Parish Councils and Members will have helped to ensure that the new Local Enforcement Plan is fit for purpose, is clear on how alleged breaches of planning control will be dealt with and how we communicate that with Parish Councils, Ward Members and complainants. It establishes how we prioritise alleged breaches of planning control.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None

APPROVED BY: Jackie Porter

DATE: 18.06.2025

Councillor Jackie Porter – Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Local Enforcement Plan – June 2025