

# CABINET

Agenda Item: 7

**Ward:** All

**Portfolio:** Planning and Growth

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**Meeting Date:** 10<sup>th</sup>  
October 2016

**SUBJECT:** Local Enforcement Plan

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<b>Summary:</b>	The Council's Planning Enforcement Policy was last updated in March 2011. Changes to legislation and guidance since that time have resulted in the need for the policy to be updated to reflect those changes. In particular the National Planning Policy Framework at paragraph 207 recommends that all Local Planning Authorities publish a Local Enforcement Plan. This document brings Mendip District Council in line with that recommendation.		
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the amended Planning Enforcement Policy (Local Enforcement Plan) be adopted by the Council.		
<b>Direct and/or indirect impact on service delivery to our customers and communities:</b>	The plan provides a clear and achievable framework for delivery of the planning enforcement service and also provides a clear reference point for members of the community wanting to establish how the service is delivered.		
<b>Legal Implications:</b>	Provides a current and robust basis for actions taken by Mendip District Council as Local Planning Authority in discharging its planning enforcement function. References to Planning Enforcement Orders and Injunctions ensure they are available to the Council.		
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	None		
<b>Value for Money:</b>	N/A		
<b>Equalities Implications:</b>	Paragraph 1(10) of the document asserts that all investigations will be carried out in a consistent and fair manner, free from any form of discrimination, giving due regard to the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy		
<b>Risk Assessment and Adverse</b>	Provides a robust and achievable framework for carrying out the planning enforcement function of the Council. Adherence to the		

<b>Impact on Corporate Actions:</b>	plan will reduce the likelihood of complaints against the Council, in respect of that function, being upheld.
<b>Scrutiny Recommendation (if any)</b>	<p>That the amended Planning Enforcement Policy (Local Enforcement Plan) be adopted by the Council subject to the following amendment:</p> <p>Appendix E, Paragraph 1 to be amended to read; “Though Planning Enforcement action is discretionary, the investigation of complaints received is statutory, and all complaints are investigated. No national performance targets are set, but subject to workloads and available resources, the Planning Enforcement Team aim to meet the following targets. Performance will be monitored on a regular basis”.</p>

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**List of background Papers:** Local Enforcement Plan