



REPORT OF: THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & PROSPERITY

TO: PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

ON: 28th July 2016

ORIGINATING SECTION: PLANNING SERVICE

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

COUNCILLORS: ALL

TITLE OF REPORT:

Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council – Local Enforcement Plan

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the reasoning why local planning authorities are required to produce a Local Enforcement Plan, to support the proposed Plan, and recommend that the Executive Member for Regeneration adopts the Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recommends that Councils should consider publishing a local enforcement plan to manage enforcement proactively in a way that is appropriate to their area and that this should set out how they will monitor the implementation of planning permissions, investigate alleged cases of unauthorised development, and take the necessary appropriate action.

3. RATIONALE

- 3.1 The draft document attached to this report is Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council's response to the NPPF, and sets out how the Council investigates alleged cases of unauthorised development. It aims to give guidance on what the Council can do and how the Council balances the demands on the services against the resources available. The document is only a guide. Once adopted, the Plan will be published on the Council's planning enforcement web page.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None.

9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None

10. CONSULTATIONS

10. The Plan has been presented to the Cross Party Member's Planning Working Group at their meetings on the 12th April and 14th June 2016.

11. RECOMMENDATION

- 11.1 (i) That the Committee note the content of the Plan.
(ii) The Committee endorse the making and rationale of the Plan, and recommend that the Executive Member for Regeneration approves and adopts the Plan.
(iii) The Plan to be published on the planning enforcement webpage once adopted.

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Background Papers: none