

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

POLICY REVIEW – PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- Review existing policies and procedures for Planning Enforcement
- Examine performance statistics
- Investigate workload levels and training requirements
- Consider the proposal for the Shared Service

SCOPE

- Review whether the Council's existing policies and procedures for planning enforcement are adequate
- Examine performance statistics to identify areas of concern
- Investigate workload levels and training requirements
- Consider the proposal for the Shared Service

OBJECTIVES

- To establish whether the existing policies and procedures for planning enforcement are adequate and effective in order to improve the handling of planning enforcement cases.
- To examine performance statistics and highlight any key areas for concern.
- To investigate the workload levels and consider whether training requirements are adequate.
- To determine whether the proposal for the Shared Service will be effective and present value for money.

WITNESSES

- Maurice Cann, Head of Regulatory Services
- Martyn Richards, Head of Legal Services
- Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning
- Enforcement Officer
- Representative(s) from a neighbouring authority (not Richmondshire)
- Parish Council representatives (Aiskew & Leeming and Great Broughton)

DOCUMENTS/EVIDENCE

- Benchmarking information from neighbouring authorities (including the National Park)
- Historical and current data on planning enforcement cases
- Proposal for the Shared Service

OTHER METHODS/CONSULTATION/RESEARCH

Task and Finish Groups.

OFFICER SUPPORT

Louise Davis, Senior Democratic Services Officer

TIMESCALE

Commencing July 2011