

## **Item 8 – Local Enforcement Plan**

The attached report was considered by the Local Planning & Environment Advisory Committee relevant minute extract below:

### Local Planning & Environment Advisory Committee – 27 January 2015 (Minute 39)

The Chief Planning Officer presented a report which introduced a Local Enforcement Plan which provided information to customers on how the Council would deal with enforcement and the powers available so that complainants and those subject to complaints would know what to expect from the service.

A Member observed that Parish Councils very often formed the ‘eyes and ears’ of the enforcement section, however what constituted a breach was not always well known, and he was disappointed that more work with Parish and Town Councils was not addressed in the plan. The Chief Planning Officer replied that the Council was reliant on third party information. There would be dedicated training for Councillors on how enforcement was to be rolled out, and if necessary one to one meetings. It was suggested this could be offered to the Parish Councils.

*Action 1: The Chief Planning Officer address the possibility of training at the next Parish Forum.*

A number of Members referred to some individual cases in their area. It was agreed that they should approach the Portfolio Holder and Chief Planning Officer outside the meeting.

### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet to agree the Local Enforcement Plan for adoption.