

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting14th July 2022

1. Title of Item/Report

Review of the Council Regulatory
Services Enforcement Policy

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the review of the Councils
Regulatory Services Enforcement Policy.

The Regulatory Services Enforcement Policy was designed to make sure
that everyone knew the overriding principles that the Council's Regulatory
Services would apply when carrying out enforcement work. The current
version of the Policy was approved by Cabinet in March 2017 and was
due for review and renewal.

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council was required, as part of
Government's Regulators' Code, to publish, and keep under review, an
Enforcement Policy relating to the activities of its Regulatory Services.
The proposed revised policy statement followed a review and
consultation exercise carried out in order to update the content of the
Policy.

Enforcement, in the context of this Policy, included action aimed at
ensuring that individuals or businesses comply with the law, carried out in
the exercise of, or against the background of, delegated statutory powers.
This was not limited to formal enforcement action such as prosecution,
but included, for example, the provision of advice to aid compliance.

The Enforcement Policy therefore covered all of the Council's Regulatory
Services, including Trading Standards, Licensing, Environmental Health,
Animal Health, Planning, Building Control and those functions dealing
with car parking enforcement, anti-social behaviour, environmental
protection, housing and benefits enforcement.

Regulatory Services within the Council had been consulted on the draft
revised Policy. In addition public consultation had taken place by means
of the 'Consultations – Have Your Say' pages of the Council's website.
This consultation ran throughout April 2022 and no comments were

received from any member of the public.

The draft revised Regulatory Services Enforcement Policy, showing track changes within the main body of the Policy was attached to the report.

The new Policy reflected changes to the Code for Crown Prosecutors and these were detailed within the report.

The draft revised Policy also had additional information on civil or financial penalty notices and included as an appendix, a new penalty policy in relation to relevant letting agency legislation.

RESOLVED that the revised policy be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To update the policy.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight Friday 22 July 2022

Proper Officer
18 July 2022