

**DELEGATED**

**AGENDA NO  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
5 AUGUST 2025  
REPORT OF DIRECTOR FOR  
REGENERATION AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

## **PLANNING COMPLIANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

### **SUMMARY**

Following members requests for quarterly updates to be provided to Members on Planning Compliance caseloads and performance, this is the latest quarter report (Quarter 1, 2025/26).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Members of Planning Committee note the contents of the report**

### **BACKGROUND**

1. The Stockton on Tees Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) was approved at planning committee in September 2024 and became 'live' on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and this report provides the latest quarterly report.
2. As part of the LEP, service targets were introduced which are;
  - 70% of enforcement case closed where no breach identified within 20 working days.
  - 60% of enforcement requests receiving an initial response, for example no breach of control identified or further investigation to be undertaken, within 10 working days.
  - 60% of planning enforcement cases, where the case actions are determined within the established priority timescales.

### **DETAIL**

3. Appendix 1 provides members with a snapshot of the over the last quarter's performance for the planning compliance function. Some narrative and explanation of current performance and trends is also detailed below;

#### Quarter 1, 2025/26 Performance

4. As can be seen from Appendix 1 below, performance against the internal performance standards remains high with the relevant thresholds being exceeded in the majority of cases. Overall 95% of all the number of cases in the last quarter have had case actions determined within the identified priority period.
5. As detailed within table 1 below, over the last quarter the number of cases received has increased. However, the overall time to process cases has reduced with a number of cases resulting in enforcement notices being served on six properties with assistance being provided from the Council's Legal Services team.
6. Alongside the level of caseload, a new staff member has been integrated into the planning compliance team which has involved increased time pressures to provide the associated training. Nevertheless, the processes introduced to both manage and maintain momentum on compliance cases are working well as demonstrated within the performance figures.

7. Additionally, following the serving of notices in quarter 3 of 24/25, two notices have been fully complied with and the associated breaches of control have been addressed.

**Table 1: Comparisons over quarters since**

	Requests received	Requests determined	Av days to process	Notices Served
<b>Q4 (24/25)</b>	127	85	29	2
<b>Q1 (25/26)</b>	167 (+40)	112 (+27)	14 (-15)	6 (+4)

8. For completeness, the total number of unresolved cases currently equates to 205, with 76 cases being historic cases received before the introduction of the Local Enforcement Plan.

#### **NEXT UPDATE**

9. The next quarterly update will be quarter 2 of 2025/26 (July -September), which is anticipated being reported in October 2025.

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#### **WARD AND WARD COUNCILLORS** **All**

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Financial Implications:**

Not applicable

##### **Environmental Implications:**

Not applicable

##### **Human Rights Implications:**

The provisions of the European Convention of Human Rights 1950 have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

##### **Community Safety Implications:**

The provisions of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 have been taken into account in the preparation of this report

##### **Background Papers:**

Stockton on Tees Local Plan  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Stockton on Tees Local Enforcement Plan

Appendix 1: Local Enforcement Plan performance indicators

