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Report to Planning
Committee

6th May 2026

Report of Director of 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 quarterly report (Quarter 4, 2025/26).

Recommendation(s)

That Members 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 1st November 2024 and this report provides the latest quarterly report. 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

2. Some narrative and explanation of current performance and trends are detailed in the report below. Appendix 1 provides members with a snapshot of last quarter's performance.

Quarter 4, 2025/26 Performance

3. As can be seen from Appendix 1 below, performance against the internal performance standards continues to remain strong and overall 97% of all cases received in the last quarter have had case actions determined within the identified priority period.
4. As detailed within table 1 below, over the last quarter the number of cases received has again dropped slightly, with the number of cases determined and processing time remaining consistent with the previous quarter and year overall.

Table 1: Comparisons over quarters since introduction of Local Enforcement Plan

	Requests received	Requests determined	Av days to process	Notices Served
Q4 (24/25)	127	85	29	2
Q1 (25/26)	167	112	14	6
Q2(25/26)	204	148	12	3
Q3 (25/26)	154	102	15	1
Q4 (25/26)	147	97	12	1

5. We also continue to discuss a case of non-compliance with colleagues in legal services over appropriate next steps and potential prosecution.
6. For completeness, at the time of writing, the total number of unresolved compliance cases currently equates to 191, with 38 cases being historic cases received before the introduction of the Local Enforcement Plan.

Next update

7. The next quarterly update will be quarter 1 of 2026/27 (April - June), which is anticipated being reported in July/August 2026.

Financial Implications

Potential associated costs in pursuing legal action over non-compliance with enforcement notices.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable

Legal Implications

Potential implications as a result of pursuing legal action over non-compliance with enforcement notices.

Community Safety Implications

The provisions of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 have been considered in the preparation of this report.

Human Rights Implications

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

Ward and Ward Councillors

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Background Papers

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

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Appendix 1: Local Enforcement Plan performance indicators

Enforcement KPI's (since 01/11/2024) - Members Dashboard

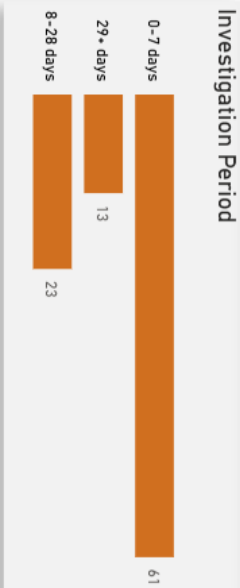
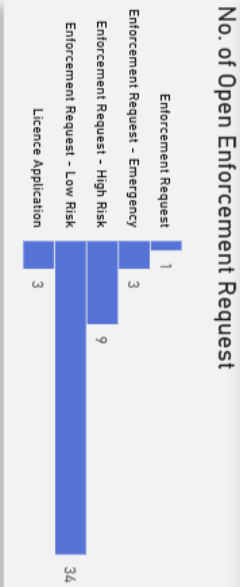
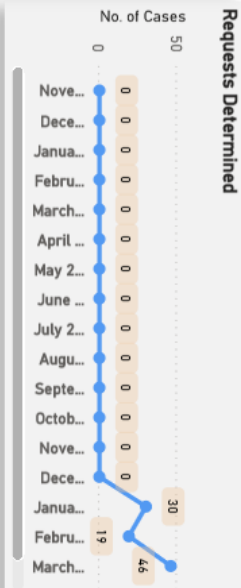
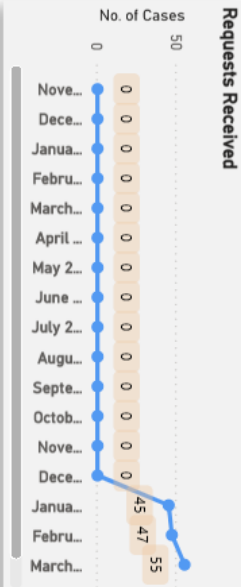
Requests Received	147	Requests Determined	97	Average Days to Process	12	Notices Served (excluding withdrawn notices)	1	Open Enforcement Requests	50
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70% of enforcement case closed where no breach identified within 20 working days 60% of enforcement requests receiving an initial response 60% of planning enforcement cases, where the case actions are determined within the established priority timescales.	EMERGENCY	0%	50%	80%
	HIGH RISK	100%	95%	97%
	LOW RISK	83%	96%	98%
	Overall % of for all cases			

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Financial Year
 2025-2026 Q4
 2026-2027 Q1
 2026-2027 Q2
 2026-2027 Q3
 2026-2027 Q4
 2027 2028 Q1

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Notices Served

Case Reference	Date Received	Address	Officer Name	Date Authorised	Date Notice Served	Date Effective
24/04/ENFE	22/11/2024	6 Dishforth Close Thornaby Stockton-on-Tees TS17 9PH	Helen Grunwell	06/01/2026	06/01/2026	06/02/2026