



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

to
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
24 JANUARY 2023

POTENTIAL SCRUTINY WORKPLAN ITEM - PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present to the Committee a report on this potential scrutiny workplan item.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receives this report on the issues and concerns previously raised, and considers whether the information provided offers an acceptable level of assurance or that more detailed scrutiny or further information is required.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 At the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it was agreed that a full report on identified issues be brought back to a meeting in January 2023. This followed consideration of a scrutiny request from Councillor C Swain raising similar concerns to two other previous scrutiny requests from other Members. The Committee was previously content for a watching brief to be kept following a review of Enforcement Policy last year and steps being taken earlier this year to increase the resource to support this function.

3.2 The Committee's Working Group discussed the various issues with Officers at its last meeting to assist the process of ensuring that the identified issues and concerns raised by Members were properly addressed in the report back to the Committee. The report for the Committee's consideration is at **APPENDIX A**, and the relevant Officers will be available at the meeting to assist the Committee as required.

4. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

4.1 Robust overview and scrutiny work and learning from what comes out of it contributes to the performance and value theme of the Corporate Plan.

5. IMPLICATIONS

(i) **Impact on Customers** – None directly, although helping to ensure that the Council's approach to Planning Enforcement is robust and effective will be of benefit to the residents of the District.

(ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.

- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – None.

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