

A discussion ensued regarding the Council's performance from 2013/14-2017/18 and concern was expressed regarding any further increases in outstanding cases going forward. It was noted that staff vacancies impacted on the performance levels and when they were addressed the turnover/closure rates of cases would increase. There would also be capacity to undertake a six month review of all cases with a view to either a) closure or b) settlement.

The Chairman put the recommendations in the report to the committee and they were duly agreed.

RESOLVED that the following recommendations be agreed:

- (i) Members note the recent staff vacancies and the actions being taken to address these issues;
- (ii) That a further review is undertaken in six months once the actions are embedded, with a view to considering further additional resource.

997. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.

The proposal was duly seconded, the resolution was carried and the committee went into private session.

998. ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Committee received and noted the quarterly update on enforcement cases affecting the Committee's area. These cases were discussed in detail and the Enforcement Officer provided updates where requested to do so and advised Members of planned action to be taken.

999. ENFORCEMENT CASE STUDY

The Committee received the report of the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services providing an update on current enforcement investigations in relation to a specific area of land within the District. The report provided background information including details of the planning history, its constraints and a review of enforcement actions.

Members discussed the content of the report and agreed that it was very useful bringing together, in one place, the range of issues involved in this matter.

RESOLVED that a further report be brought back to this Committee within four months of the date of this meeting outlining alternative options in relation to the site.

The Chairman thanked Officers for their attendance and continued work with Members to address enforcement across the District.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.43 pm.

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CHAIRMAN