
REPORT TO:	Environmental & Development Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 8
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SUBJECT:	Planning Services Enforcement Function	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: DC01

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members note the content of the report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To provide comparative information relating to the numbers of staff engaged in Planning Enforcement.

3.0 Detail

3.1 At its meeting on 16th April 2009 (minute EDS60 refers) the Committee requested a report setting out the numbers of staff employed by other authorities do deal with planning enforcement matters. A list setting out numbers for each Local Planning Authority in Derbyshire and the two other immediately adjacent authorities is provided in Appendix A.

3.2 A training session relating to Enforcement was provided to Members on 23rd July 2009.

3.3 The 2009/10 Service Plan for Planning Services identifies a need to undertake a business re-engineering exercise for the Enforcement function now that the Enforcement Officer post has, since April, increased to full time in accordance with the wider Planning Services business re-engineering project.

3.4 The outcome of the re-engineering exercise will be reported to Committee together with some new local performance indicators that will be identified during the process.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Theme 1 – Sustainable Growth and Opportunity by ensuring that development and use of land takes place in the right locations in accordance with approved plans and legislation.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 A Vibrant Economy & a Sustainable Environment by ensuring that development and the use of land is undertaken in the correct manner, in appropriate locations and has regard for the amenity of neighbours.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The SDDC Planning Enforcement function is operating with similar resources and is reactive in line with the majority of other Local Planning Authorities in Derbyshire.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Report to Environmental & Development Services Committee 16th April 2009