

West & City Centre Area Planning Sub-Committee

12th July 2012

Report of the Director of City Strategy

Enforcement Cases - Update

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a continuing quarterly update on the number of enforcement cases currently outstanding for the area covered by this Sub-Committee.

Background

2. Members have received reports on the number of outstanding enforcement cases within the Sub-Committee area, on a quarterly basis, since July 1998, this report continues this process.
3. Some of these cases have been brought forward as the result of information supplied by residents and local organisations, and therefore “The annexes to this report are marked as exempt under Paragraph 6 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as this information, if disclosed to the public, would reveal that the Authority proposes to give, under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person, or that the Authority proposes to make an order or direction under any enactment”.
4. In order to give Members an up to date report, the schedules attached have been prepared on the very latest day that they could be to be included in this report on this agenda.
5. Section 106 agreements are monitored by the Enforcement Team. A system has been set up to enable officers to monitor payments required under the agreement.

Current Position

6. 52 new cases were received for this area within the last 3 months. 53 cases were closed and 203 remain outstanding. There are 79 Section 106 Agreement cases outstanding for this area after the closure of 6 in the last 3 months. These closed cases brought in a total of £2302 of outstanding financial contributions required as part of approved developments in the west and centre area.
7. To update members on staffing levels in the team, Tim Goodall started work with us as a temporary full time enforcement officer on June 11th. This contract runs until the end of September when the position with the secondment of officers to Union facility time will either be renewed for a further period or will come to an end. In the meantime Tim will be covering enforcement cases across the city and it is expected that this will help reduce the number of outstanding cases in the west and centre area of the city.
8. We have served 1 Listed Building enforcement notice in the last quarter and there are currently two further cases which have authorisation for notices to be served and are currently with legal services for the notices to be drafted. There is also still one enforcement appeal against a Listed Building enforcement notice pending on Micklegate.

Consultation.

9. This is an information report for Members and therefore no consultation has taken place regarding the contents of the report.

Options

This is an information report for Members and therefore no specific options are provided to Members regarding the content of the report.

The Council Plan 2011-2015.

10. The Council priorities for Building strong Communities and Protecting the Environment are relevant to the Planning Enforcement function. In particular enhancing the public realm by helping to maintain and improve the quality of York's streets and public spaces is an important part of the overall Development Management function, of which planning enforcement is part of.

11. Implications

- **Financial** - *None*
- **Human Resources (HR)** - *None*
- **Equalities** - *None*
- **Legal** - *None*
- **Crime and Disorder** - *None*
- **Information Technology (IT)** - *None*
- **Property** - *None*
- **Other** - *None*

Risk Management

12. There are no known risks.

Recommendations

13. That members note the content of the report.

Officers do try to update the individual reports and cases when necessary but it is not always possible to keep up with these straight away. Therefore if members have any additional queries or questions about cases on this enforcement report then please e-mail or telephone Matthew Parkinson, Andy Blain or Tim Goodall by 5pm on Wednesday 11th July. Please note that the cases are now presented in Parish order so hopefully this will make it easier for members to reference cases in their respective areas.

Also, if members identify any cases which they consider are not now expedient to pursue and/or they consider could now be closed, giving reasons, then if they could advise officers either at the meeting or in writing, then that would be very helpful in reducing the number of outstanding cases.

Reason: To update Members on the number of outstanding enforcement cases within the Sub-Committees area.

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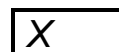
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Specialist Implications Officer(s)
None

Wards Affected: *All Wards in the West and City Centre
area*



For further information please contact the authors of this report

Background Papers:

Environment and Development Services Business Plan (2000/2001).

Report to Area Sub-Committee in July 2006 – Enforcement Cases
Update.

Annexes

Annex A - Enforcement Cases – Update (Confidential)