

## **Draft Recommendations Arising from the Planning Enforcement Ad Hoc Scrutiny Review**

1. That the Head of Development Control:

- (i) Prioritise new complaints/cases
- (ii) Reconsider the response time to letters sent in relation to breaches of planning regulations with a view to shortening timescales
- (iii) Introduce a weekly alert detailing new planning enforcement cases, split by Ward

Reason: To ensure that all cases are dealt with in a timely manner and that Ward Members are kept fully informed of new enforcement cases in their Wards.

2. That once trigger points are reached and payment has not been received, Section 106 Agreements are promptly passed to Legal Services for action.

Reason: To ensure City of York Council can pursue non-payment of Section 106 Agreements in a timely manner.

3. That Section 106 Agreements be placed on the planning portal.

Reason: To ensure transparency and accessibility for Members of the Public.

4. That Planning Enforcement Officers be issued with appropriate mobile communication technology (e.g. laptop, mobile phone, PDA, laser rule) subject to the outcome of the pilot scheme currently being undertaken by Building Control and to funding being available.

Reason: To allow Planning Enforcement Officers to easily gather and record information when on site visits.

5. That Planning Enforcement Officers be issued with high visibility jackets marked with 'CYC Planning Enforcement Officer' and these should be worn at appropriate times.

Reason: To enable Planning Enforcement Officers to be easily identified.

6. That the Head of Development Control make available other people to help with planning enforcement when they become available.

Reason: To reduce the number of outstanding cases.