

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
<b>Date Of Decision</b>	14 October 2019
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Nigel Hudson, Head of Strategic Infrastructure and Economy
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	<p>Following extensive consultation with, consultees, Parish Councils, Councillors and Members of the Public, the County Council has reviewed and updated its Planning Enforcement Plan. A Response Document has been prepared that sets out the Council's response to the comments received and how these have been considered or otherwise in the Final Enforcement Plan Document.</p> <p>The Enforcement Plan Document enables the County Planning Authority to inform the public, developers and their agents how the county operates their planning enforcement function.</p> <p>I endorse the Enforcement Plan Document to proceed to being published on the County Council's website and used to conduct the planning enforcement process for Worcestershire County Council.</p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>It is considered that the Enforcement Plan Document will guide the public, applicants and their agents through the planning enforcement process, offering advice and guidance on how the enforcement process is operated by the County Council.</p> <p>The document explains how planning enforcement investigations are conducted and how the process, if formal action is required to resolve a breach of planning, is carried out.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) suggests that all planning authorities consider publishing an Enforcement Plan Document. The Government's Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) for Enforcement and post permission matters outline nationally what is expected when dealing with enforcement matters. Given that the Enforcement Plan Document is suggested by the NPPF to show how it is appropriate to manage enforcement in their area, the County Council has not considered alternatives to an Enforcement Plan Document.</p>

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<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None notified.

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