

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I054454
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1. **TITLE:** Local Enforcement Plan (Planning)
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve a Local Enforcement Plan setting out how the enforcement service will be delivered, including how different types of breaches will be prioritised.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
6. **DECISION:**

That the Local Enforcement Plan (Planning) attached at Appendix A be approved for use by the Local Planning Authority.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

A Local Enforcement Plan clearly sets out the planning enforcement process in Bracknell Forest. This clearly sets out what the approach will be when breaches of planning enforcement are reported. It sets this out clearly for residents and complainants. The adoption of a LEPP also provides the LPA access to the Planning Enforcement Fund, which is a central government fund available to LPAs to assist with legal fees in pursuit of Injunctions from the County Court or High Court.

Enforcement is seen as a priority by the Council as such the LEPP sets out clear service processes and objectives with performance standards to monitor the service.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Council does not have to produce a LEPP, however it is considered desirable to produce a clear statement of how the Council will deal with planning enforcement to provide greater transparency and better understanding of its role and operation. Producing a LEPP also makes certain funding options available to the LPA should it wish to pursue Injunctions. It helps define the process and performance of the planning enforcement service undefined for other departments, Councillors and the general public. It helps the service to demonstrate that it is providing value for money, is dealing effectively with enforcement matters and is prioritising the most important cases.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** None.
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
20 October 2015	28 October 2015