

Report for: Regulatory Committee October 18 2018

Title: Haringey Enforcement Plan

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration

A new draft Enforcement Plan is being put before the members for consideration. This plan replaces the 'Enforcement Charter and the 'Guide to Planning Enforcement' documents. The key points to note are:

- 1) The policy is produced pursuant to the requirements of the NPPF and the NPPG.
- 2) Effective enforcement is important as a means of maintaining public confidence in the planning system. Enforcement action is discretionary, and local planning authorities should act proportionately in responding to suspected breaches of planning control.
- 3) The key changes relate to how the Council will negotiate with parties in breach of planning controls depending on the nature of the breach and the identity of the parties. This is meant to address known repeat offenders and parties who have sought permission and proceeded with the works after permission had been declined.
- 4) The use of confiscation powers under POCA. This achieves a number of objectives, namely, to reduce repeat offending; act as a deterrent; and provide essential funding for the enforcement team.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Regulatory Committee note the contents of the Enforcement Plan and provides any comments for officers to consider prior to publication.