

Committee and Date

Place Overview Committee

<u>Item</u> 9 Public

11 November 2021

Scrutiny of planning enforcement Draft recommendations

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1.0 Summary

1.1 This paper provides draft recommendations for committee approval, following the committee's recent scrutiny of Shropshire Council's planning enforcement function.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Committee members may wish to do any of the following:
 - agree the draft recommendations
 - amend and then agree the draft recommendations or
 - reject the draft recommendations.

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3.0 Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 25 October 2021, the Place Overview Committee scrutinised Shropshire Council's planning enforcement function and proposed broad recommendations for the service. It agreed to meet after the meeting had concluded to specify the wording for its recommendations, and to publish these draft recommendations at a future meeting for approval.
- 3.2 The committee agreed to recommend that Shropshire Council:
 - To provide training to town and parish councils on the planning enforcement function.
 - To ensure that town and parish councils receive enforcement decisions made within their area.
 - To update elected members on enforcement action in their division and the results of those actions.
 - To review how planning enforcement decisions are communicated to relevant local communities and to Shropshire residents more broadly.

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- To provide regular reporting to overview and scrutiny on:
 - Enforcement case numbers by type and
 - o Commentary on emerging issues in enforcement.

4.0 Next steps

4.1 Officers will forward any agreed actions to the relevant officers or portfolio holders for a response.

List of background papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

None

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

All

Local Member

All

Appendices

None