

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REPORT TO CITY CENTRE  
AND EAST PLANNING AND  
HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

### QUARTERLEY OVERVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This is the quarterly report to advise members of the work being undertaken by the Planning Enforcement Team. The period covered runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### 2. ACTIVITY DURING THE QUARTER

- A total of 207 enforcement complaints were received. Of these 50% concerned unauthorised development and 35% failure to comply with conditions or approved plans. The percentage of cases involving houses in multiple occupation, adverts and Section 215 (untidy land/buildings) are similar at between 6% and 9%.
- Notices served in the period: -

Notice type	Quarter 3 Oct – Dec 2011	Quarter 4 Jan – Mar 2012	Quarter 1 Apr – Jun 2012	Quarter 2 Jul – Sep 2012	Quarter 3 Oct - Dec 2012
Breach of conditions	10	1	2		2
Discontinuance (adverts)		1		2	1
Enforcement	10	2	8	6	8
Stop				1	1
Temporary Stop	1				1
Section 215 (untidy land)	3	2	4	8	6
Section 225 (signs)	6	12	1		2
Total	30	18	15	17	21
Prosecutions	1	6	5	1	3

- The number of cases resolved within the target of 6 months was 55% of all the cases closed in the period, an improvement on the 46% of the last quarter. The figure is still low compared to the 68% achieved in quarter 4 of 2012. As with the previous quarter the low percentage is in fact due to the team making a concerted effort to close older cases in recent months, evidenced by the fact that 272 cases were closed in this quarter compared with 160 in quarter 1. A total of 558 cases remain on hand.
- Work is underway at the Hallam Towers Hotel as a result of S215 action; the lower buildings are being demolished to make access to the tower more difficult. Also various measures are being taken to improve its appearance including boarding up the broken windows in the tower. Action taken to prevent the use of a house at Cliff Farm Drive for the boarding and minding of dogs has resulted in the business relocating to more appropriate premises in the City.

## CONCLUSION

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- 3.1 The current purge of older cases has meant that a lot have been closed in the period giving the impression that the teams performance is well short of the Service Plan Target of resolving at least 70% of cases within 6 months. This is expected to be a temporary distortion of the statistics that will improve once the older cases have been closed, as far as possible.

## 4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.