

## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 SEPTEMBER 2017

## SIXTH SCRUTINY REVIEW: PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – UPDATE REPORT

## Report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer

This report provides an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Planning Enforcement.

**1. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES**

- 1.1 Scrutiny Reviews form an important part of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee. They provide an opportunity for the Scrutiny Committee to undertake an in-depth investigation into a specific area of Council business.
- 1.2 The selection of the topic for the sixth Scrutiny Review followed the procedure set out in the Scrutiny Guide 2014 (report number 14/261). This involved all Elected Members and the Executive Officer Team being asked to propose topics which they felt may benefit from such a review.
- 1.3 The decision to select “Planning Enforcement” as the topic for this review was based on the potential for the review to result in recommendations for change that would deliver measurable improvements. The final report concluding the review was approved by the Scrutiny Committee on 21 September 2016 (report number [16/397](#)). A progress report (report number [17/160](#)) on the implementation of the recommendations was submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 19 April 2016.
- 1.4 This report is a further update on the implementation of the recommendations.

**2. PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 The recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Planning Enforcement are set out in Appendix 1 along with updated detail on the work undertaken to date in terms of implementation.
- 2.2 Recommendation three is not yet fully implemented but will be established as a priority over the next three months for presentation to both the Development Management and Scrutiny Committees.

### 3. CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:

- (a) Notes the work undertaken to implement the recommendations from the Sixth Scrutiny Review.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>None</b>
Workforce	<b>None</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>None</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>None</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>None</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>None</b>
Legal and Governance	<b>None</b>
Risk	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	<b>Yes</b>
External	<b>None</b>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	<b>None</b>

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement/Corporate Plan

- 1.1 This report supports the delivery of the Strategic Objectives within Community Plan/ Single Outcome Agreement 2013-23 and Corporate Plan 2013-18.

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

- 2.1 Not applicable.

#### Workforce

- 2.2 Not applicable.

#### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

### 3. Assessments

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- Assessed as not relevant for the purposes of EqIA.

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. No further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.5 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.6 Not applicable.

#### Risk

- 3.7 Not applicable.

### **4. Consultation**

#### Internal

- 4.1 The Director of The Environment Service was consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### External

- 4.2 No external consultation was required.

5. **Communication**

5.1 Not applicable.

2. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Guide to Scrutiny at Perth and Kinross Council 2014 (report 14/261).
- Sixth Scrutiny Review: Planning Enforcement (report 15/550).

3. **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Planning Enforcement.