

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Operations and Place Shaping Board held on 27 March 2019

Present

Councillor Lloyd (Chairman)

Councillors Buckley, Davis, Howard, Milne, Patrick, Raines and Satchwell

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Thomas.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests relating to matters on the agenda.

3 Challenge Session on the Council's Enforcement Powers

The Board was given a presentation (Appendix A to these minutes) by the Neighbourhood Quality (Transformation Officer) (Transformation Lead) on the Council's enforcement powers and functions.

The following officers were invited to join the meeting and answer any questions in relation to the presentation:

Tim Pointer	-	Interim Head of Enforcement and Neighbourhood Quality
Andy Wheeler	-	Neighbourhood Quality Officer (Transformation Lead)
Maria Stewart	-	Arboricultural Officer
Ryan Gulliver	-	Community Safety Manager
Kathy Fowler	-	Parking and Traffic Manager
Catherine Rayner	-	Environmental Health Manager (food safety and licensing)
Sean Mackay	-	Parking Team Leader
David Fitzgerald	-	Environmental Protection Manager

In response to questions raised by members of the Board, the officers advised that:

Planning Enforcement	the transition of planning enforcement to the Neighbourhood Team had been successful
	the degree of inspections made to ensure the conditions attached to a planning permission was complied with depended upon the size of the development

enforcement could be taken as the result of resident complaints or following an inspection of a site inspection

a decision on whether to take enforcement would depend upon the impact the alleged breach would have on the environment

Troubled Families Scheme	the scheme has been publicised. However, the main hurdle was the difficulty of getting families to accept that there is a problem
Bonfires	the Council can act, but it would depend upon the impact and frequency of the fires. It was agreed that information on the frequency and number of complaints relating to bonfires would be forwarded to members
Motorhomes	cannot enforce against motorhomes parked in a layby
Dog Breeders	anyone breeding three or more litters of puppies per year was required to be licensed under new animal welfare legislation which came into effect from October 2018. The Council was able and willing to use social media to identify unlicensed breeders.
Stray dogs	stray dogs were sent to Portsmouth Kennels
Housing Standards	Housing Associations were required to meet the same standard of rented accommodation as private sector landlords.
Customer Services	the officers worked with customers services to ensure they were kept up to date and were fully informed. some issues took longer than a resident may expect to resolve.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 6.10 pm

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Chairman