

Enforcement – Resources & Options

Neighbourhood Planning Network

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Outline of this session

1. Planning Enforcement – the resources available
2. Enforcement activity incl. “proactive” work
3. Future proactive priorities

Planning Enforcement – the resources available

- Out of 36 FTEs (officers in Devt Management) 7 are dedicated to enforcement
- Of these, 1 is the overall Team Manager, 4 deal with reactive work (Complaints) & 2 deal with “proactive” work (Compliance Officers).
- Team was expanded by 2 FTEs in 2007 to cover compliance / proactive work
- Overall no. of of enforcement officers not reduced during 2010/11 Service Review, although profile of team changed
- Team carried 1FTE vacancy throughout 2011/12, now filled.

Enforcement Activity

Complaints received:

08/09 = 763

09/10 = 776

10/11 = 876

11/12 = 853

Total No. of Notices:

08/09 = 36

09/10 = 57

10/11 = 50

11/12 = 53

How is our performance measured?

% of enforcement complainants informed of likely course of action within 28 days

% enforcement case closed (no breach) within 20 working days

Total no. of developments monitored

% of monitoring visits carried out within 10 working days of notification of commencement

% enforcement cases (where a breach is identified) where formal notices were served.

Proactive work 2011/12

X Developments monitored by Compliance Officers

Following steer from Executive Member – focus on A1 / A3 issue in Cotham Hill & Clifton Village

Established methodology of assessing how an A1 use can “creep” towards A3

Helped in the 2 Costa cases

Regularisations & certainty over premises

Proactive Priorities 2012/13

Steer from Executive Member 28th March 2012

Maintain balance between Reactive & Proactive

Monitor less development sites (still a high % of all sites)

Focus on more proactive projects - relatively high impact from resources available:

Sites causing harm to amenity (s215) across Bristol