
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 17th December, 2025

Present: Councillor Noordad Aziz (in the Chair), Councillors Joyce Plummer, Clare Pritchard, Kath Pratt, Judith Addison, Scott Brerton, Stewart Eaves, Josh Allen, Munsif Dad BEM JP, Zak Khan, Kate Walsh and Kimberley Whitehead

Apologies: Councillors Dave Parkins, Bernard Dawson MBE, Mike Booth, Loraine Cox, Ethan Rawcliffe and Stephen Button

258 Appointment of Chair

Councillor Noordad Aziz was nominated and voted in by majority vote to Chair the 17th of December 2025 Planning Committee Meeting.

259 Apologies for Absence, Substitutions, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies for Absence were given by Councillors Dave Parkins, Bernard Dawson, Stephen Button, Mike Booth, Ethan Rawcliffe and Loraine Cox.

Substitutions were made for the following members of the committee.

Councillor Dave Parkins was substituted by Councillor Kimberley Whitehead.

Councillor Bernard Dawson was substituted by Councillor Kate Walsh.

Councillor Stephen Button was substituted by Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP.

Councillor Loraine Cox was substituted by Councillor Zak Khan.

No formal declarations of interest or dispensations were declared.

However, Councillors Dad, Khan and Whitehead informed the committee that they had previously attended meetings regarding the unauthorised development, but this did not make them pre-disposed to any particular decision and were entering the meeting with an open mind.

Similarly, Councillors Aziz, Brerton and Walsh informed the committee that they had attended events at the unauthorised development in the past, but this did not make them pre-disposed to any decision and were entering the meeting with an open mind.

260 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Planning Committee held on the 12th of November 2025 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Resolved – That the minutes be received as a correct record.

261 Enforcement Update

Mr Joshua Parkinson, Planning Manager (Development Manager), presented the Enforcement Update to the committee.

Mr Parkinson noted that there were 455 live cases in the system from 2015 to 2025. Since the 1st of April 2025 there had been 154 new complaints, several complex in nature and involving a combination of technical breaches.

The Planning Enforcement Plan, beginning page 9 of the agenda, will come into effect on the 1st of January 2026 and will replace the 'Planning Enforcement Code of Practice'.

Mr Parkinson explained to the committee that the plan outlines the council's approach to investigating reports of alleged unauthorized development and in which circumstance enforcement action may be taken.

Details were given to the committee regarding the 3 Enforcement Notice appeals which were upheld by the Planning Inspectorate on page 6 of the agenda and the 2 outstanding appeals.

Mr Parkinson advised that the service would review how workloads and outcomes are monitored going forward and develop new Key Performance Indicators which would be reported in future updates.

The committee discussed the report and asked for clarification from officers on the cases highlighted in the report.

Resolved – The information was noted by the Committee.

262 Exclusion of the Public

263 Enforcement action against unauthorised development

Mr Adam Birkett, Chief Planning and Transportation Officer, sought a decision of the committee in respect of a planning enforcement issue.

Details of the consideration of this matter are recorded in a confidential schedule to these minutes.

Resolved – To approve the resolution as set out in the confidential schedule to these minutes.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed