



**Meeting:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 25 March 2021  
**Subject:** Planning Enforcement Policy  
**Report of:** Leigh Palmer, Head of Planning

Cabinet is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Planning Applications Committee held on 10 March 2021 as set out below.

**Minute extract**

**Planning Applications Committee - 10 March 2021**

**109. Planning Enforcement Policy**

The Committee received a report which presented the details of the proposed Planning Enforcement Policy as set out in Appendix 1.

The Head of Planning presented the report. He explained that the purpose of the proposed Planning Enforcement Policy was to ensure that Councillors, Officers, external agencies and members of the public were aware of the Council's proactive approach to its planning enforcement responsibilities.

The Committee queried whether the words 'protected species' could be added to paragraph 6.3 of the proposed policy, as set out in Appendix 1.

The Council's Solicitor explained the amendment to include the words 'protected species', could be referenced within the proposed Planning Enforcement Policy, but that as protected species were protected by other legislation, she advised that action may involve appropriate referrals being made to bodies such as the police, rather than action being taken by the Council itself.

The Committee expressed its gratitude to the new Specialist Advisor (Planning Enforcement) and the Planning department for all of their hard work in respect of planning enforcement issues.

**Resolved:**

1. That the contents of the report be noted; and

2. That Cabinet be recommended to approve the new Planning Enforcement Policy as set out in Appendix 1, subject to the addition of the words 'protected species' to paragraph 6.3 of the new policy.

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