

### Review of Planning Enforcement concerns in Central Bedfordshire

<b>Commissioning Body:</b>	<b>Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>		
<b>What is the broad topic area:</b>	To provide the final recommendations for improving the Planning Enforcement service.		
<b>Membership:</b>	Cllr Ken Matthews, Cllr Brian Saunders, Cllr Charles Gomm, Cllr Alison Graham		
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	Cllr Nigel Young		
<b>Summary of task</b>			
The review will gather evidence on :			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning enforcement processes and performance management.</li> <li>• Current resources and caseload.</li> <li>• Challenges and opportunities.</li> <li>• Case studies and anecdotal evidence.</li> <li>• Quality of the service.</li> </ul>			
<b>What will be the outcome and how will it add value?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure an open and transparent service which communicates effectively with internal and external partners and customers.</li> <li>• To ensure effective and thorough investigations of planning enforcement cases, providing clear resolution and outcomes.</li> </ul>			
<b>Any potential risks to completing the review:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reputational risks to the Council.</li> </ul>			
<b>Who and how do we consult?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consult with elected Members and Officers.</li> <li>• Information to be gathered via the Member Information Bulletin and face to face meetings.</li> <li>• To formulate a protocol regarding the calling of evidence.</li> </ul>		
<b>Meeting Frequency (and potential dates):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An inception meeting on 23 September 2015 to be followed with fortnightly meetings.</li> </ul>	<b>Publicity (of recommendations):</b>	Sustainable Communities OSC Minutes (public document)
<b>Proposed Completion date:</b>	December 2015		
<b>Proposed date to CMT</b>	TBC	<b>Proposed date to Exec:</b>	NA
<b>Proposed date to SC OSC</b>	December 2015	<b>Proposed date to Council</b>	NA

#### Background Papers: -

- The Enforcement Plan – Central Bedfordshire Council
- The Development Strategy – Central Bedfordshire Council
- National Planning Policy Framework – Central Government paper
- Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Central Government paper

- **Dealing with illegal and unauthorised encampments**
- **Final planning and travellers policy**