

To Let Boards - Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board meeting of 24 July 2012, members received a report on private sector housing – standards and issues related to rented properties'. At this time members enquired about the display of letting boards which appeared to breach Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations. It was reported that the then Head of Development Management was investigating the issue.
- 1.2 In January this year another report was provided which looked at the issue and proposed a corporate option for pursuing any illegal signs. A copy of that report, which outlines the context, is appended for reference at Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that Planning, Housing and Leisure Board is kept informed of the position regarding the enforcement of regulations for the display of To Let / For Sale Boards.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Since the last meeting the Council's Planning Enforcement & Compliance Officer has been engaged in investigating a wide range of complaints relating to unauthorised developments, changes of use, illegal advertising and other issues in accordance with a work prioritisation strategy that was endorsed by Planning Control Committee in December 2012.

In terms of the issue of To-Let board signs there hasn't been any formal action taken against unauthorised signs since the last meeting and the Planning Enforcement & Compliance Officer continues to investigate any complaints on a case-by-case basis as and when they are received. Members are reminded about the issues involved

with enforcement in this area and the pro-active work that has been completed in the past, as outlined in the last report.

For clarity the presenting officer at the meeting will provide an up-to-date picture of the level of complaints received in this area by the Planning Enforcement & Compliance Officer over the course of 2014.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Paul Clarke - Head of Planning
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The information set out in this report supports the corporate priorities to ensure the

people in Derby will enjoy good quality services that meet local needs and being safe and feeling safe.