



AGENDA ITEM: 13

COUNCIL: 21 October 2009

Report of: Council Secretary and Solicitor

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**SUBJECT: CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISIONAL
ENFORCEMENT POLICIES**

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise of the decision of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 1 October 2009.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That consideration be given to the resolution of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in paragraph 3.2 below, in the context of the comments set out in Section 4.0 below.

2.2 That subject to consideration of the comments of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Corporate Enforcement Policy and the Community Services Enforcement Policies be noted.

2.3 That delegated authority be given to the Executive Manager for Community Services, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to update the Corporate and Community Services Policies in accordance with any new or revised government legislation or guidance. Any wholesale changes in guidance or legislation resulting in major changes to the policy to be brought back for approval.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The report attached as an appendix to this report was considered at the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 1 October 2009.

3.2 The minute of that meeting reads as follows (minute 28 refers):-

“28. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISIONAL ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Manager Community Services as circulated and contained on pages 319-356 of the Book of Reports in which he sought the Committee’s comments on the new Corporate Enforcement Policy and the revised Community Services Enforcement Policy. The recommendations from Cabinet who had considered this item on 15 September 2009 were included within the report.

During consideration of this item Members raised comments/questions on the following:

- *Enforcement of empty properties*
- *Role of PCSOs and number of notices issued by them*
- *ASBOs*
- *Food safety inspections*

RESOLVED: (A) That the report be noted and Council be requested to consider an additional sentence to recommendation 3.3 as follows:-

“Any wholesale changes in guidance or legislation resulting in major changes to the policy to be brought back for approval”.

(B) That a report on the Council’s Noise Management Policy be submitted to a future meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4.0 COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.1 I will be happy to ensure that major changes to the Enforcement Policy are brought back for approval.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

There is no evidence from an initial assessment of an adverse impact on equality in relation to the equality target groups.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Report of the Executive Manager Community Services