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Key Decision - No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Planning Enforcement

Meeting/Date: Overview & Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) – 8th July 2025

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Planning (TS)

Report by: Head of Planning, Infrastructure and Public Protection (CK)

Ward(s) affected: All Ward(s)

ADDENDUM REPORT

At the April Overview & Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) a report and presentation were made in relation to the Planning Enforcement function of the Local Planning Authority (LPA). Within the report performance figures were supplied which caused confusion. This report seeks to address the anomalies of the previous report and provide a full explanation.

Within Section 4 of the report presented to the April Committee Officers quoted numbers of cases that had been held on record within the service by the planning enforcement team in September 2019. It was noted in paragraph 4.2 of the previous report that "Some of these cases were very historic and included cases that were raised and logged from 2002." Members raised concerns that the numbers quoted did not appear to add up correctly and asked for an explanation to be brought back to Members.

A full review of all open cases on the system was undertaken by current team members since 2019. Cases that were of a historic nature and where previous Officers had carried out all required actions but where the cases had not been closed correctly on the system were closed on the dates they should have been actioned. This included some cases that dated back to 2002. These figures were therefore not covered in the actions undertaken by the current administration and work undertaken since 2019 and were therefore not reflected in the previous report's figures.

Recommendation(s):

The Panel are recommended to note the above explanation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS/LEGISLATION

Previous Panel Reports and updates. (Overview & Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) – 3rd April 2025

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