IWC Planning Compliance (Enforcement) 2027/28 onwards

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Subject: IWC Planning Compliance (Enforcement) 2027/28 onwards

Dear Clerks,

I trust you are well and I would be grateful if you could share this information with your Councillors please.

Isle of Wight Council Planning Compliance (Enforcement) for 2027/28 onwards

The Isle of Wight Council's Planning Enforcement Strategy, adopted in 2023, sets out our approach towards planning compliance (enforcement). It recognises the discretionary nature of ensuring compliance with planning controls and our limited capacity to undertake it.

Since 2023 parish, town and community councils have had the opportunity to fund additional capacity within the Planning Compliance Team, to specifically tackle locally identified planning compliance priorities.

This partnership approach has worked especially successfully for Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council, Ryde Town Council and Sandown Town Council, and has delivered clear and demonstrable improvements for residents and visitors alike.

The evidence from the last three years is clear that with greater capacity the Planning Compliance Team can do more. It can be proactive on the issues and sites that mean the most to you and your community. Without that capacity we will still of course react to any alleged breaches of planning controls that we receive, but these will be dealt with in a hierarchy based on Island-wide compliance priorities and within the available capacity.

I recognise there is no one-size fits all approach to this and different areas will have different needs and available budget, so if your Council, either by itself or in partnership with others, is interested in funding Planning Compliance capacity for 2027/28 onwards and setting local compliance priorities, please do let me know.

To help your council consider its approach, the following are the estimated costs

The estimated costs for 2027/28 are budgeted to be:

	Planning Officer (Compliance)	Senior Planning Officer (Compliance)
1 day a week	£12,000	£14,000
2 days	£23,000	£28,000
3 days	£34,000	£41,000
4 days	£45,000	£55,000
5 days	£56,000	£67,000

These costs are based on the current pay grades for Isle of Wight Council staff and include the below the line costs (such as National Insurance contributions and pension).

I do hope that this will be of interest to your council and I look forward to hearing from you.

Please do feel free to contact me for a chat, and of course I or my colleague Russell Chick (the Manager with direct responsibility for Planning Compliance) would be more than happy to visit your office to discuss further. I have also shared this information with IWALC, so it may be that we shortly present information on Planning Complianceat the appropriate IWALC meeting.

Regards,

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