

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) is the statutory regulator and enforcement body for a range of service areas, with statutory duty to ensure compliance.

HDC views effective regulation as being essential in providing a safe environment for the district of Huntingdonshire, its residents, its visitors and its businesses. Our regulatory work will support our residents and businesses and support our wider strategic objectives for sustainable growth.

We will investigate reports of regulatory breaches in a timely and transparent manner, with priority being given to potentially serious breaches and situations where immediate action may be required to ensure public safety or prevent permanent damage to vulnerable sites.

If enforcement action is required, we will take sequential action which is proportionate and transparent.

Where we find regulatory breaches, we will seek to work constructively with the individuals or businesses involved to rectify the situation. We will:

- identify regulatory breaches and advise on steps required to comply with the relevant legislation.
- advise on an acceptable timetable for achieving compliance
- take all necessary steps if voluntary compliance is not achieved.

If enforcement action is required, we will take sequential action which is proportionate and transparent, and ultimately, Court action of necessary.

These policy principles will be detailed in an operational guidance document for Council officers, setting out expectations for investigating and taking enforcement action against identified regulatory breaches and the associated steps for action on each main type of scenario.