

DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

28 JULY 2025

Present:

Councillors Birch, Cheadle, G Taylor and Sanders

Apologies:

Councillors McKay and Southcott

Officers in Attendance:

Drew Powell, Corporate Director – Strategy and Governance
Scott Adams, Group Leader, Strategic Place - Building Control
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Nigel Hunt, Head of Devon Building Control Partnership
Nicola Denton, Business Development and Support Manager
Neil Blaney, Director of Place
Simon Arthurs, Deputy Chief Finance Officer
Matthew Long, Insurance Officer

8. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was proposed by Cllr Cheadle and seconded by Cllr Sanders that Cllr Birch be elected Chair of the Partnership Committee for 2025-26.

All were in favour.

Resolved

that Cllr Birch be elected Chair of the Partnership Committee for 2025-26.

9. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

It was proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr G Taylor that Cllr Cheadle be elected Vice-Chair of the Partnership Committee for 2025-26.

All were in favour

Resolved

that Cllr Cheadle be elected Vice-Chair of the Partnership Committee for 2025-26.

10. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr G Taylor and seconded by Cllr Cheadle that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

All were in favour

Resolved

that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

12. PART 1 OPERATIONAL REPORT 2025-2026 Q1

The Head of the Partnership introduced the item to the Committee. He spoke on positive customer feedback, the positive market share, meeting KPIs, both online and in-person briefings to clients, and considerations of risks including cyber-attacks.

The report was noted by the Committee.

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Cheadle that the press and public be excluded as per the resolution below.

RESOLVED

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

14. PART 2 OPERATIONAL REPORT AGM & Q1 28TH JULY 2025

The Head of the Partnership introduced the item to the Committee. He spoke on the financial business of the Partnership, staffing, funding, ongoing process mapping, updating software including working with Strata, and preparing for the Local Government Reorgansiation.

The report was noted by the Committee.

15. PART 2 DBCP OPERATIONAL PLAN Q1 2025-2026

The Head of the Partnership introduced the item to the Committee. He spoke on achieving KPIs, managing risks, and works being undertaken in Central Government.

The report was noted by the Committee.

16. PART 2 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Head of the Partnership introduced the item to the Committee. He spoke on the financial business of the Partnership,

It was proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Cheadle that an informal meeting be held in South Hams to discuss organisational and financial information included in the report.

All were in favour.

Resolved

that an informal meeting be held in South Hams to discuss organisational and financial information included in the report.

The report was noted by the Committee.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.58 am.

Cllr John Birch
Chair