



## DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

### MEETING DATE 6TH MAY 2022

<b>Report Title</b>	Operational Report Part 1
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide an update on the operational performance of the Partnership between January and March 2022.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b>  <b>(1) Note the report</b>
<b>Financial Implications</b>	No specific financial implications highlighted in the report. Anita Carpenter Tel 01626 215248 <a href="mailto:anita.carpenter@teignbridge.gov.uk">anita.carpenter@teignbridge.gov.uk</a>
<b>Legal Implications</b>	“no specific legal implications” Karen Trickey <a href="mailto:Karen.Trickey@Teignbridge.gov.uk">Karen.Trickey@Teignbridge.gov.uk</a>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The risks to the Partnership are currently being managed. Nigel Hunt Tel: 01626 215721 Email: <a href="mailto:nigel.hunt@devonbuildingcontrol.gov.uk">nigel.hunt@devonbuildingcontrol.gov.uk</a>
<b>Environmental/ Climate Change Implications</b>	The ability of Building Control to deliver services during times of increased restrictions on physical site inspections may have implications on the energy and carbon performance of buildings, however, experience from the initial lockdown in Spring 2020 and an increase in agile working has helped to mitigate any significant negative effects.  William Elliott Climate Change Officer <a href="mailto:William.elliott@teignbridge.gov.uk">William.elliott@teignbridge.gov.uk</a>
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<b>Appendices</b>	
<b>Background Papers</b>	None

## **1. PURPOSE**

The Partnership operates under the Devon Building Control Partnership Agreement 2017.

## **2. REPORT DETAIL**

The reports for the Joint Committee meetings are supported by the Partnership's Operational/Business Plan. This will be the main source of information/discussion with additional sensitive information contained in the Part 2 report. Also, as all financial information is considered confidential under the various Cipfa guidelines and Local Government Acts pertaining to Building Control there will no longer be any such information disclosed in Part 1 reports. The only financial data that the partnership is obliged to publish is a brief summary of our end of year accounts

### **2.1 Operation**

The Partnership has been in operation for 17 years and is hosted by Teignbridge District Council

The Partnership continues to successfully deliver the building control service across the three Authorities, maintaining high standards, meeting all statutory PIs and continues to operate within agreed annual budgets.

### **Performance**

The Partnership continues to maintain all levels of service relating to PIs and receives positive comments from customers.

### **Staff**

A recent service review has identified additional staffing requirements which the Partnership has had limited success in fulfilling on a fixed term basis, so we are now advertising for a permanent position.

### **Marketing and events**

The Partnership has re-commenced hosting events with a customer briefings recommencing in November 2021 and will continue to do so going forward. The Partnership is had a significant role in organising the South West LABC Conference

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which was held in March 2022. The Partnership will be holding its annual awards ceremony at Newton Abbot Racecourse on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> May and will also be exhibiting at the Devon County Show in June 2022..

## **2.2 Legal**

The Partnership, currently hosted by Teignbridge District Council, meets quarterly to monitor its performance. Performance monitoring is required under the Partnership Agreement that came into operation on 1st April 2017

## **2.3 Risks**

Risks to the Partnership's business are documented and reviewed annually. The risks to the Partnership are:

Failure to deliver the service

Staff resourcing

Loss of Market share

Lack of ability to react to changes in policy/legislation

Changing workload

Failure to break even financially

Withdrawal of a Partner council

## **2.4 Environmental/Climate Change Impact**

There are no direct carbon/environmental implications arising from the recommendations in the report. However, it should be noted that the Partnership will be taking an active role in supporting the South West Energy Partnership (between Devon, Bristol and Plymouth Councils) on low carbon projects in the region, primarily retrofit.

## **3. CONCLUSION**

The Partnership Account continues to be managed by the Host Council in accordance with the Partnership Agreement, maintaining cost effectiveness and in accordance with agreed budgets.