



DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE 11 NOVEMBER 2022

Report Title	Operational Report Part 1
Purpose of Report	To provide an update on the operational performance of the Partnership between July and August 2022
Recommendation(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to: (1) Note the report
Financial Implications	No specific financial implications highlighted in the report. Anita Carpenter Tel 01626 215248 anita.carpenter@teignbridge.gov.uk
Legal Implications	"no specific legal implications"
Risk Assessment	The risks to the Partnership are currently being managed. Nigel Hunt Tel: 01626 215721 Email: nigel.hunt@devonbuildingcontrol.gov.uk
Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	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 should help to mitigate any significant negative effects. William Elliott Climate Change Officer William.elliott@teignbridge.gov.uk
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Appendices	
Background Papers	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 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.

Marketing and events

The Partnership has re-commenced hosting events for customers and clients. The Partnership held its first evening Awards Ceremony in May 2022, which was a highly successful event. This led to the Partnership having 13 finalists in the Southwest

LABC Awards, from this we had 4 winners who are now finalists in the National Awards which will be held in January 2023. The Partnership has also been nominated as Team of the Year.

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.

4. APPENDIX

Devon Building Control Partnership Operational Plan 2022/23 – Quarter 1