

DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

11 NOVEMBER 2022

Present:

Councillors Bastone (Chair), Ratcliffe (Vice-Chair), Pearce and Taylor

Members in Attendance:

Councillors

Apologies:

Councillors Birch and Goodman-Bradbury

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

Nicola Denton

Lisa Lake, Business Development and Partnership Support Manager

106. MINUTES

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

107. OPERATIONAL PLAN Q2 2022-23

The Head of Building Control introduced the report. He highlighted that Devon Building Control had recommenced hosting events, and that 4 team members had been nominated for national awards. There would be a press release to raise awareness of this. There had also been a nomination for a team of the year award.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

108. OPERATIONAL REPORT Q2 2022-23

The Head of Building Control introduced the report to the committee. He highlighted the markets were changing but had been improving, and that applications were being administered within an 8-week period. Due to new regulations, Building Control would need to take on increased enforcement work

in addition to applications. The Committee were also informed that inspections were being carried out 24 hours after request. Market share had increased this quarter.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Bastone and seconded by Councillor Taylor that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the follow items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded.

110. OPERATIONAL REPORT Q2-2022-23

The Head of Business Control introduced the report to the committee. The discussion included staffing, enforcement, finance, and recruitment. The committee were informed that feedback continued to be positive.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

111. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT Q2 - 2022-23

The Head of Building Control introduced the report to the committee. The discussion included budget and IT support.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

112. NEW BUILDING SAFETY REGULATORY REGIME AND THE IMPACT ON STAFFING

The Committee discussed the impact of the new safety regulations on staffing. The discussion included training, enforcement, finance, and an upcoming awards ceremony.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.00 am.

Chair
Cllr Hilary Bastone

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