

DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

31 MARCH 2023

Present:

Councillors Bastone (Chair), Ratcliffe (Vice-Chair), Birch and G Taylor

Members in Attendance:

Councillors

Apologies:

Councillors

Officers in Attendance:

Drew Powell, Corporate Director – Strategy and Governance

Scott Adams, Group Leader, Strategic Place - Building Control

Nigel Hunt, Head of Partnership

Lisa Lake, Business Development and Partnership Support Manager

Nicola Denton, Business Development

113. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a correct record by the Chair.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

115. DBCP OPERATIONAL PLAN Q3 2022-23 PART 1

The Head of the Partnership introduced the item. He discussed the unclear implications of the new regulator, and that all but one performance indicator was on target. Risk register, application numbers, and validation process were all also discussed. The Committee heard that the LABC had been appointing apprentices.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

116. Q3 2022-23 OPERATIONAL REPORT PART 1

The Head of the Partnership introduced the report. He informed the committee about National and Local Awards, including nominations, and the LABC South West Awards in Torbay. The Committee also heard about environmental impact, dangerous structures, and follow up in the enforcement process. It was also noted what statutory duties DBC had to ensure safety of public. This included fencing but not demolishing buildings unless there is council backing, however this needed to be reviewed and clarified by the partnership agreement.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

117. Q3 2022-23 OPERATIONAL REPORT PART 2

The Head of the Partnership introduced the report. This included discussion on staffing, equipment, costs, and customer feedback.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

118. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT Q3 2022-3 PART 2

The Head of the Partnership introduced the report. The discussion included chargeable income, reserves, fees, retirement and pension contribution.

A report on the pension fund was requested.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

119. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question from a committee member, the Head of the Partnership explained the process for grading surveyors and how it would work with the Level 6 Surveyors. There was a request for clarity on the expectations of the role through the Validation Process. The Government have brought this requirement in so Surveyors must be licenced to operate.

The Committee were informed that approved Inspectors will need to be licenced as well as Local Authorities.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.32 am.

Chair
Councillor Hilary Bastone

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