



DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE 22/07/2024

Report Title	Operational Report Q1 2024/25 Part 1
Purpose of Report	To provide an update on the operational performance of the Partnership for the periods above
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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Partnership Chairman	
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 summary of our end of year accounts.

2.1 Operation

The Partnership has been in operation for 18 years and is hosted by Teignbridge District Council

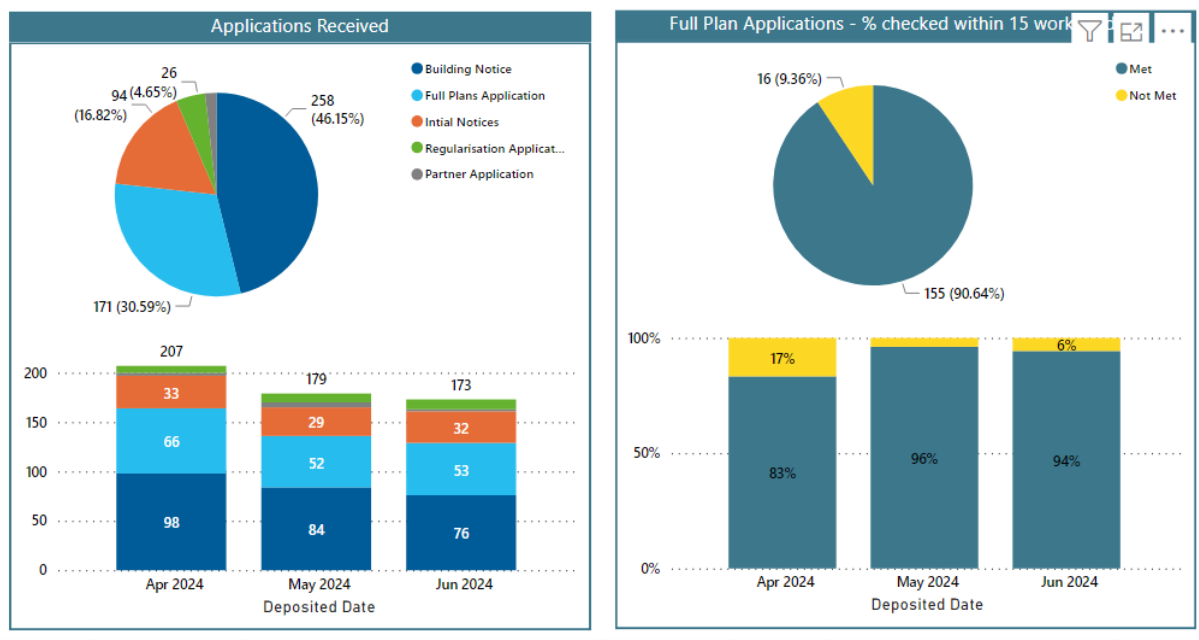
The Partnership continues to successfully deliver the building control service across the three Authorities, maintaining high standards and continues to operate within agreed annual budgets.

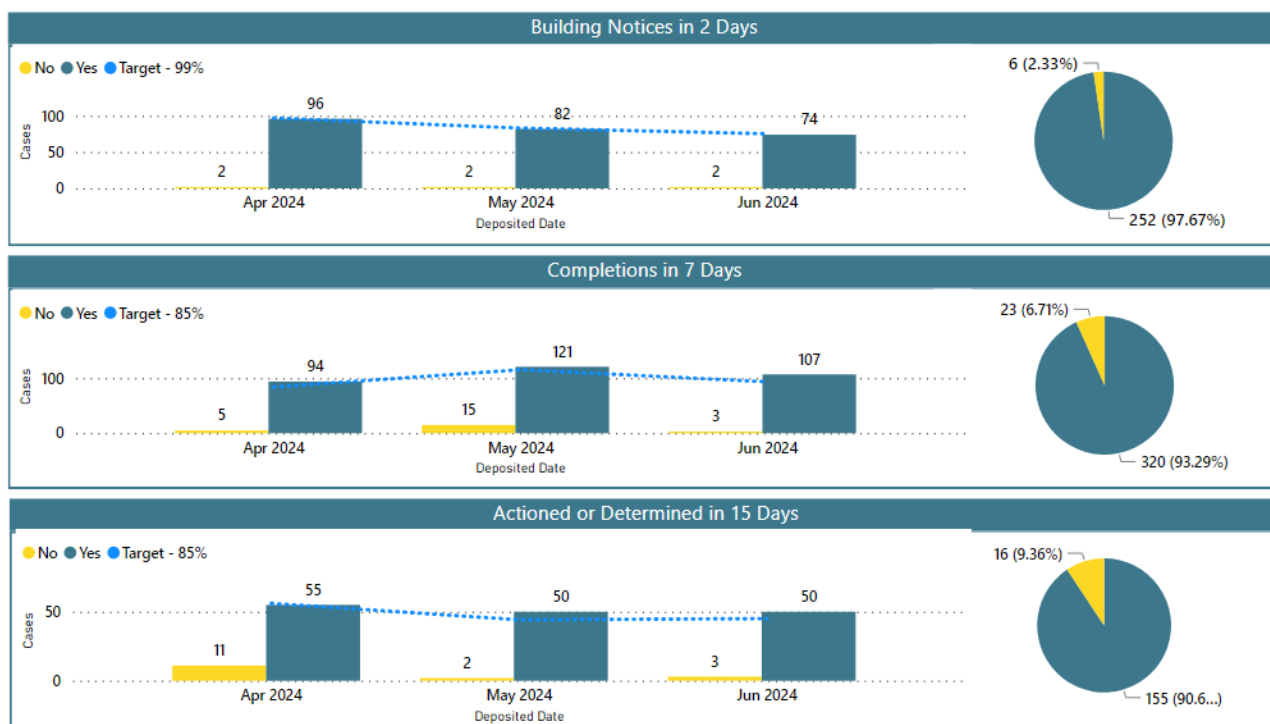
Performance

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

Statistics for Q1 Financial Year 2024/25

Key Performance Indicators





Staff

There has been a number of issues regarding staffing which will be discussed in Part 2.

Marketing and events

The Partnership has been successful in gaining 23 finalists at The South West Regional LABC Building Excellence Awards, the highest number by any Authority within Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. Judging is to take place in July. The Partnership has commenced with a series of online and in person briefing sessions with customers with regard to the changes in legislation as well as one to one sessions with individual Architectural Practices.

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:

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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 Southwest 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.