



## DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

**MEETING DATE 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

<b>Report Title</b>	Operational Report Q2 2024/25 Part 1
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide an update on the operational performance of the Partnership for the periods above
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b>  <b>(1) Note the report.</b>
<b>Financial Implications</b>	To be covered in Financial Report Part 2 papers.
<b>Legal Implications</b>	"no specific legal implications"
<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 should help 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>	See Part 2
<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**

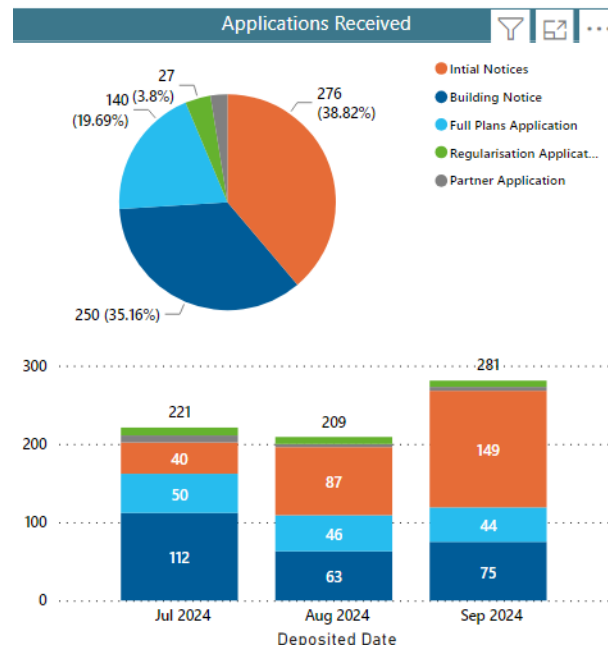
The Partnership has been in operation for 17 years and is hosted by Teignbridge District Council

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

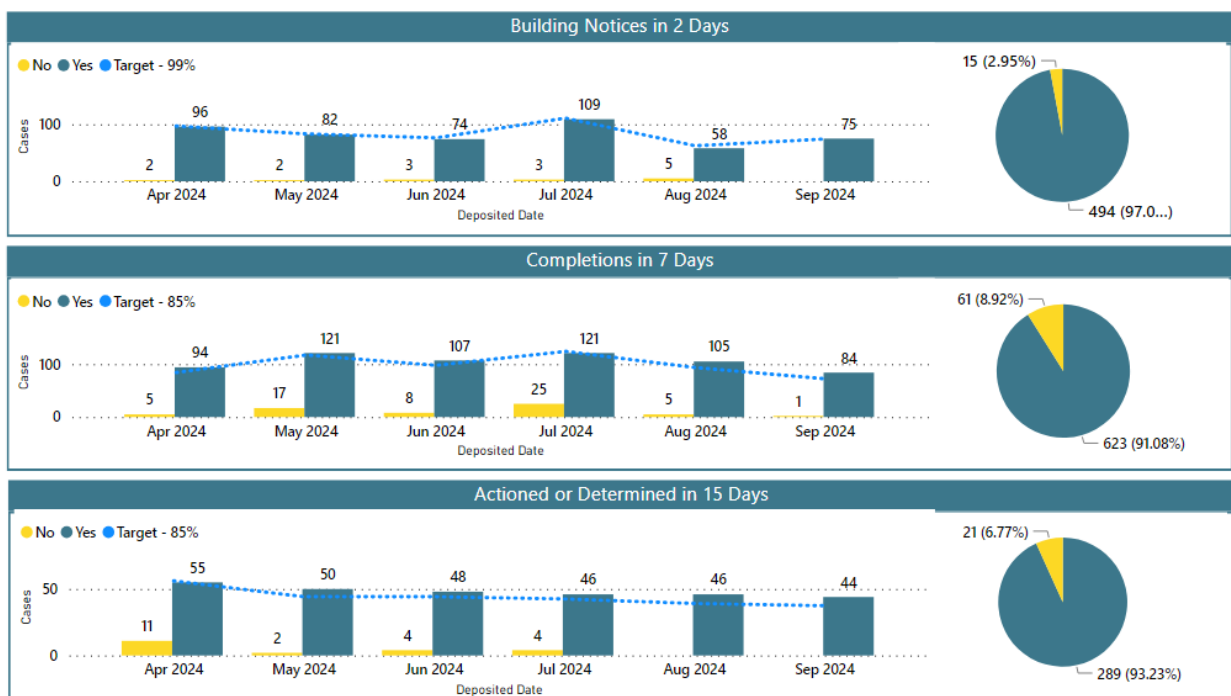
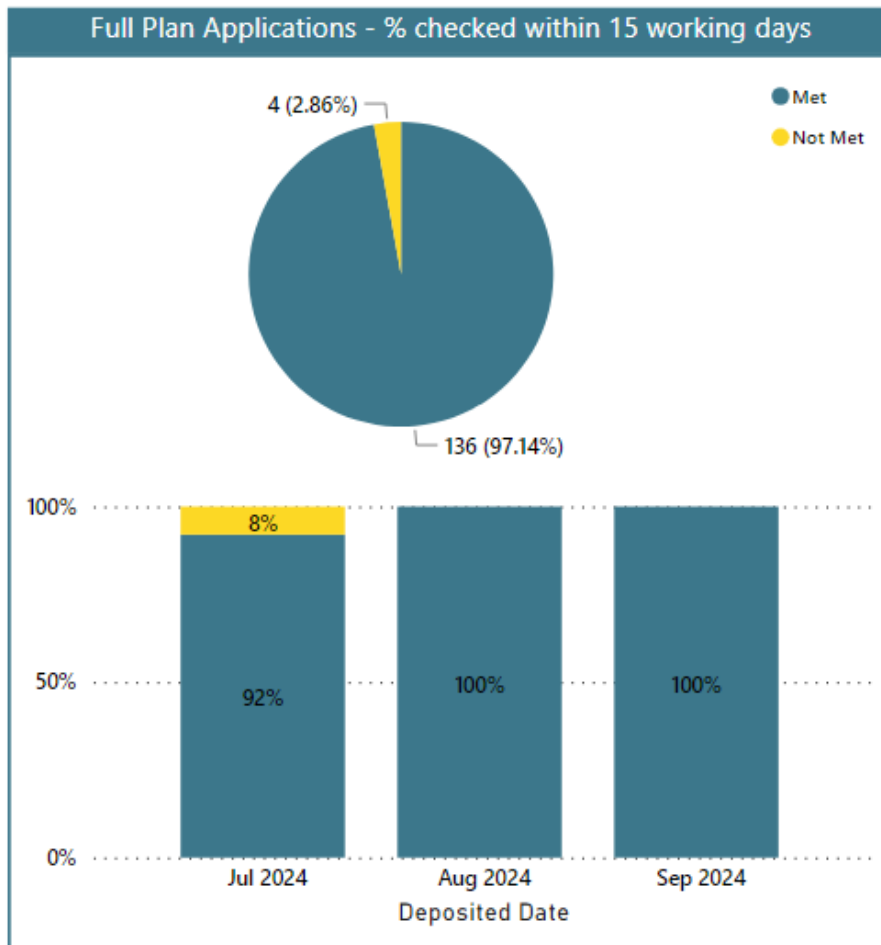
### **Performance**

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

## Statistics for Quarter 2 2024/25 Financial Year



The number of initial notices has increased due several Approved Inspectors ceasing trading or being taken over. This has led to a large number of existing notices having to be resubmitted with the new providers details and whilst power BI cannot currently differentiate between types of submission manual calculation indicates that approximately 71% of registrations in August and September have been resubmissions. This means that market share over all categories remains stable.



## **Staff**

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

## **Marketing and events**

The Partnership has continued to provide a series of online and in-person briefing sessions with customers with regard to the changes in legislation.

## **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 quarterly. Please see Operational Plan in Part 2 for more detail.

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 follow financial protocols and requirements of Cipfa guidance.

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.