

DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE 28TH JULY 2025

Report Title	Operational Report AGM & Q1 2025/26 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	To be covered in Financial Report Part 2 papers.
Legal Implications	There are no legal implications associated with this paper Paul Woodhead Head of Legal and Democratic Service paul.woodhead@teignbridge.gov.uk
Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	The ability of Building Control to deliver services during times of increased workloads on physical site inspections may have implications on the energy and carbon performance of buildings, however, from experience gained the increase in agile working helps to mitigate any significant negative effects. Nigel Hunt Tel: 01626 215721 Email: nigel.hunt@devonbuildingcontrol.gov.uk
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Appendices	See Part 2
Background Papers	None

PURPOSE

To provide reports as required under the Devon Building Control Partnership Agreement 2017.

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

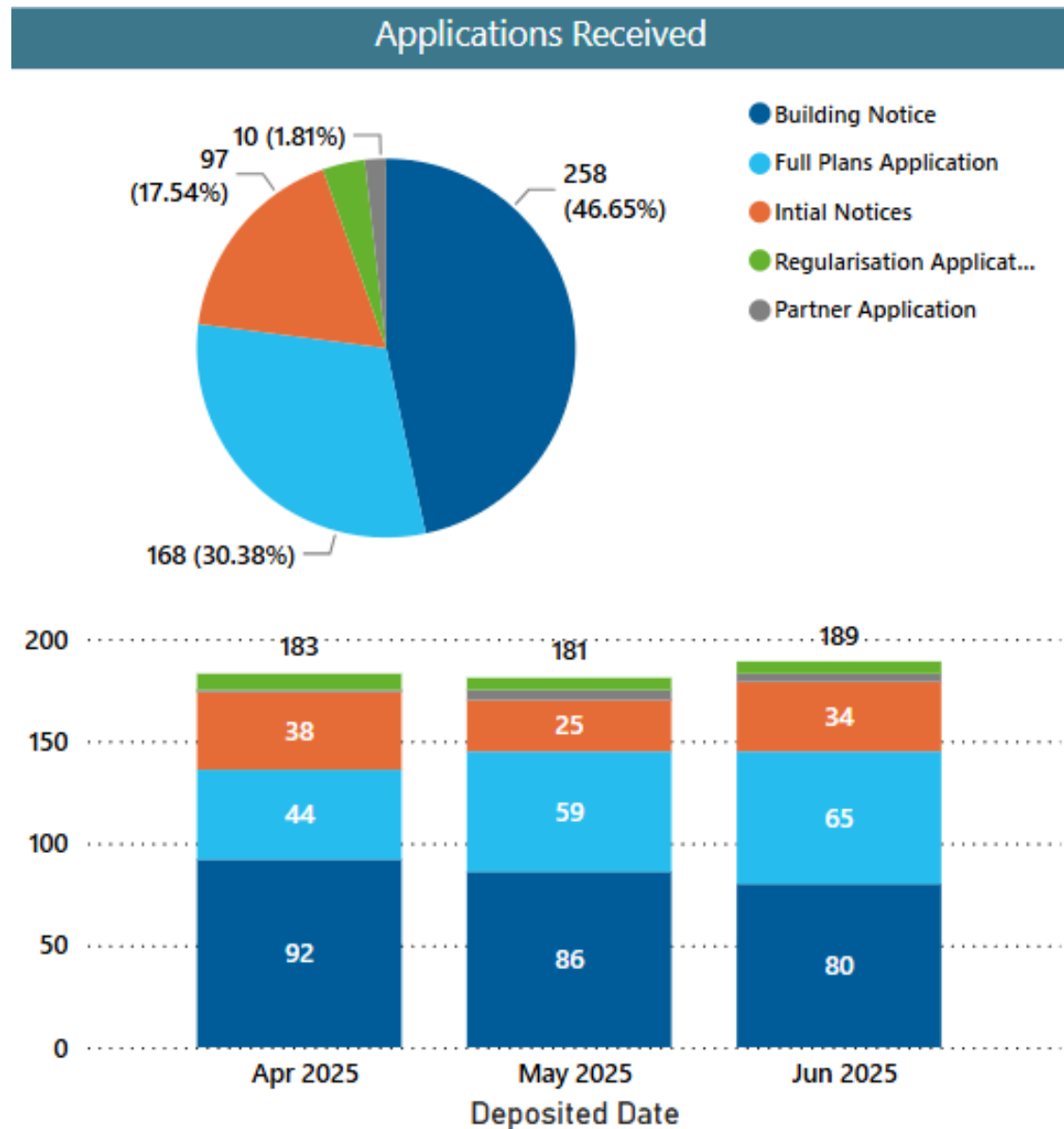
The Partnership has been in operation for 17 years and is hosted by Teignbridge District Council

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

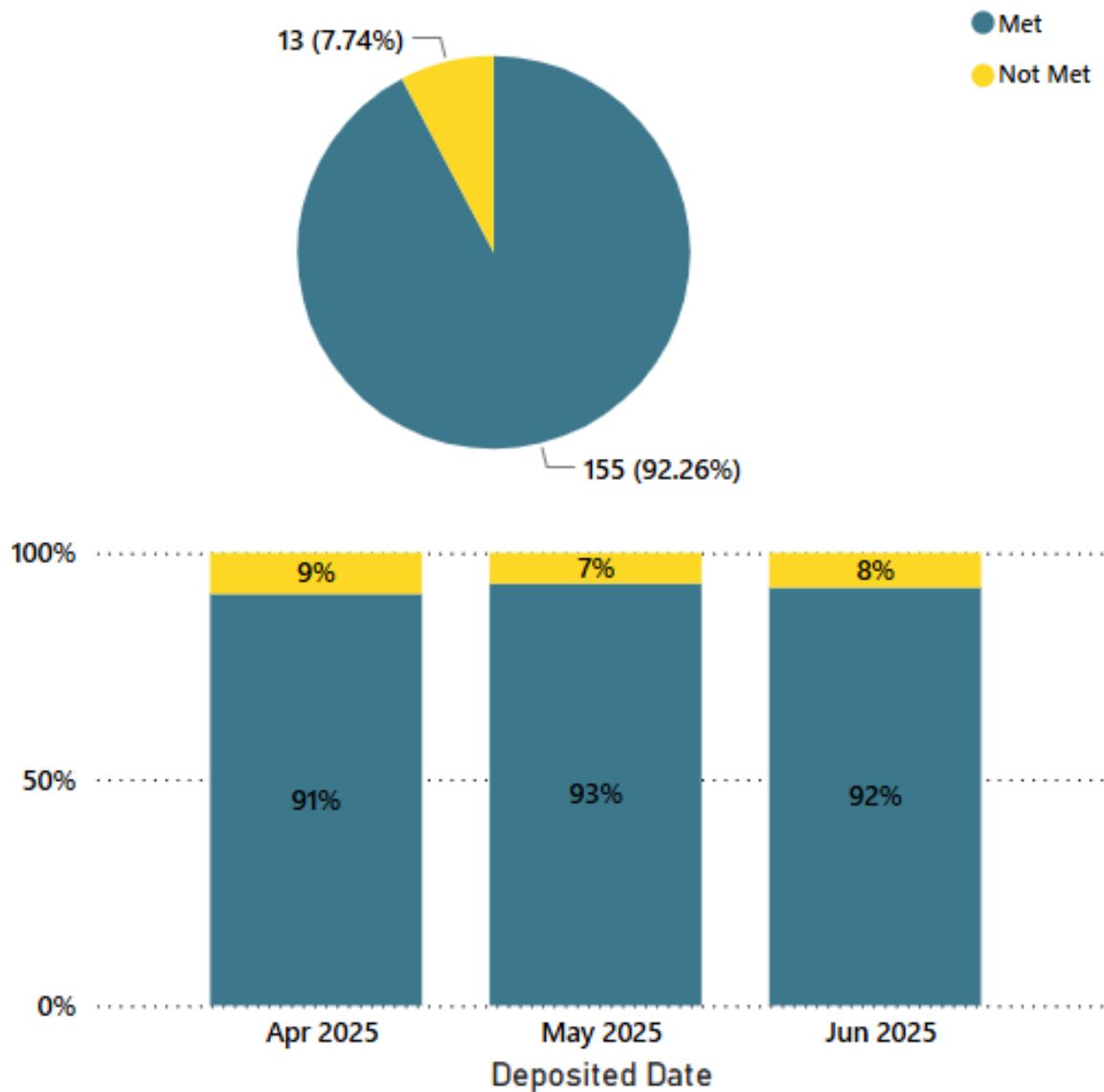
The Partnership continues to maintain all levels of service relating to current PIs and receives positive comments from customers.

Statistics for Quarter 1

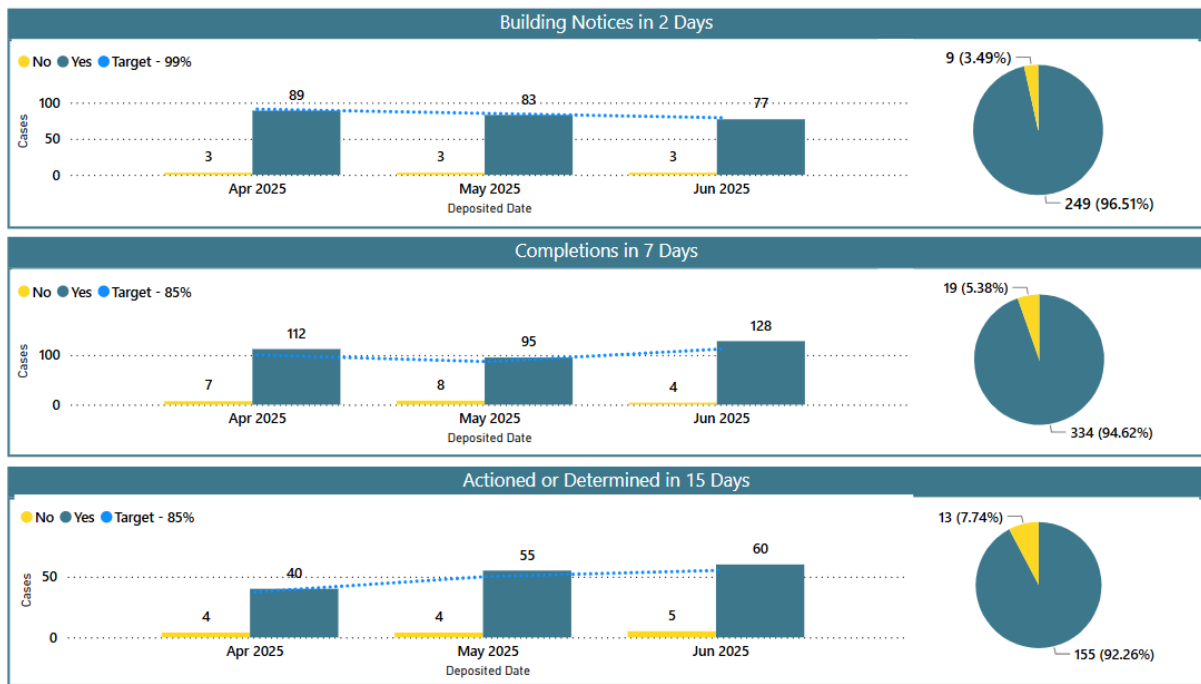


The number of initial notices means that partnership's market share across the first quarter is approximately 83%. This means that market share over all categories remains stable.

Full Plan Applications - % checked within 15 working days



The number of applications checked within 15 days has remained stable across the first quarter, which is a credit to the Technical Support Team coming to terms with the issues, in the new requirements, for validating submissions. This includes the need for signatories for the Applicant, Lead Designer and Lead Contractor.



All KPI's above are within the set parameters.

It should be noted that the KPI's will likely change during the current financial year as these will be set nationally by the regulator and will be reported quarterly.

Staff

Staff matters 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 regarding the changes in legislation. The Partnership is also looking to form a new Customer Liaison Panel in 2025-26.

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.

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.