

DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

9 MARCH 2026

Present:

Councillors Birch (Chair), Cheadle (Vice-Chair), Sanders, Southcott and G Taylor

Councillors

Officers in Attendance:

Drew Powell, Corporate Director – Strategy and Governance

Christopher Morgan, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

Nigel Hunt, Head of Devon Building Control Partnership

Lisa Lake, Business Development and Partnership Support Manager

Neil Blaney, Director of Place

8. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Southcott that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

A vote was taken. All were in favour.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

10. PART 1 OPERATIONAL REPORT Q3 2025/26

The Head of the Partnership introduced the report to the Committee. The organisation was achieving the majority of its KPIs. The organisation had 3.6 FTE vacancies. The Committee were informed that there was now the ability for customers to fully pay for Building Control work online.

Members of the Committee suggested that the vacant surveyor post should be filled as soon as possible, and that the audit report attached should provide more clarity to public readers.

The Committee noted the report.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Cheadle that the press and public be excluded from the Committee as set out in the agenda.

A vote was taken. All were in favour.

12. PART 2 DBCP OPERATIONAL PLAN Q3 2025-2026

The Head of the Partnership introduced the item to the Committee.

The Committee discussed KPIs, staffing, and the risk register.

The Committee noted the report.

13. PART 2 FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 2026

The Partnership Accountant introduced the item to the Committee.

The Committee discussed financial monitoring data such as budgeting and service expenditure.

The Committee noted the report.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.15 am.

Chairman