



DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE 17 JULY 2020

Report Title	Annual General Meeting report Part 1
Purpose of Report	To provide an update on the operational performance of the Partnership during 2019/20.
Recommendation(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to: (1) Note the report
Financial Implications	No specific financial implications highlighted in the report. Clare Moors Tel 01626 215248 clare.moors@teignbridge.gov.uk
Legal Implications	No direct legal implications Karen Trickey, Monitoring Officer
Risk Assessment	The risks to the Partnership, listed in 2.3 below, are currently being managed. Andrew Carpenter Tel: 01626 215721 Email: andrew.carpenter@devonbuildingcontrol.gov.uk
Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	<i>"Maintenance of staff levels, staff qualifications/training and company finances, as identified in the report(s) will support DBC in its role of identifying any performance gaps between "as designed" and "as built" developments, which will act to reduce long-term carbon emissions arising from new developments. There are no known significant and further environmental/climate change implications associated with this report.</i> <i>William Elliott, Climate Change Officer Email: william.elliott@teignbridge.gov.uk"</i>
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Appendices	None
Background Papers	None

1. PURPOSE

The Partnership operates under the Devon Building Control Partnership Agreement 2017.

The Agreement states that the Committee shall meet a minimum of three times a year and that one of those meetings shall be the Annual General Meeting, at which the Chair and Vice Chair will be determined for the forthcoming year.

2. REPORT DETAIL

2.1 Operation

The Partnership has completed sixteen years in operation and has been hosted by Teignbridge District Council since April 2011 and who has employed all staff in the Partnership since April 2017.

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

2019/20 was the third year under the current partnership agreement, with Teignbridge council as the full host authority.

Staff

Following the agreement of the Committee to fund from reserves, an apprentice surveyor was appointed in September 2019 on a 2 year contract. The successful applicant is now studying for a BTEC in surveying at Exeter College and brings a number of skills to the Partnership, which includes being fully qualified in electrical engineering.

Seminars and events

The partnership continued to provide technical presentations and seminars to the construction industry on a regular basis. A programme of regular events, duplicated in Forde House and in Plymouth also proved successful.

Awards

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions the Partnership's annual award presentation in March 2020 was cancelled, as was the SW LABC event.

2.2 Legal

The 2017 Partnership Agreement requires that the Partnership Committee will meet for a minimum of 3 times a year:

At the Annual General Meeting the Partnership Committee shall;
agree the Partnership's draft final accounts, and agree the balance to be held in the Trading Account.

reassess the values and objectives of the Partnership and monitor service delivery and financial performance.

from among their members elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman

2.3 Risks

Risks to the Partnership's business are documented and reviewed annually.
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 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

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.