

DEVON BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

24 JANUARY 2020

Present:

Councillors Pearce (Chairman), Bastone, Birch, Taylor and Kimber

Apologies:

Councillors Haines

Officers in Attendance:

Andrew Carpenter, Business Manager - Head of Building Control Partnership

Drew Powell, Business Manager

Scott Adams, Group Leader, Strategic Place - Building Control

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

Chris Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

47. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to noting that Ian Luscombe attended as Head of Practice for Environmental Health for South Hams & West Devon District Councils instead of Drew Powell.

48. MATTERS OF URGENCY/MATTERS OF REPORT ESPECIALLY BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

None.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

50. Q3 OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Head of the Partnership updated members on Q3 year performance. It was noted that most Devon Building Control staff had passed the Level 6 competency validation assessment. This proves their competency in providing building control advice to high risk and complex buildings. Their details are now entered on the LABC Register of Competency.

The events arranged by Devon Building Control had been successful. They had received positive feedback. One event involved a day training session for

surveyors with a fire safety expert who previously delivered training in the aftermath of the Grenfell Fire. The Partnership Awards for projects completed in 2019 would take place on Thursday 19th March 2020. Nominations were also being put forward for the SW LABC Awards which were due to take place on Friday 5th June at the Crowne Plaza, Plymouth.

Devon Building Control involvement with Climate Change legislation, the Declarations of Climate Emergency, and building regulations were discussed. It was suggested that when it was time to renew vehicles that the use of electric vehicles would be considered. It was also considered that the committee invite local MPs to a Devon Building Control meeting, to discuss new build energy efficiency legislation and the Future Home Standard. The Future Homes Standard will require new build homes to be future-proofed with low carbon heating and world-leading levels of energy efficiency; it proposes net zero carbon homes by 2025.

Resolved

That the report be noted

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

Resolve that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of minutes 36-38 below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

52. Q3 OPERATIONAL REPORT

The report circulated with the agenda gave an update on the operational performance of the Partnership after 9 months of the current financial year. The information and level of service met performance targets listed in the Partnership Agreement. The Partnership continued to receive positive feedback from its customers.

Resolved

Resolved that the report be noted and applications be processed as agreed

53. Q3 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Head of Building Control Partnership presented an update on the financial performance of the Partnership as at the end of Quarter 3. The Partnership Agreement requires that the performance of the Partnership be reported quarterly. The information and level of service met performance targets listed in

the Partnership Agreement. The Partnership continued to receive positive feedback from its customers.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

The meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 12.15 pm.

Cllr Terry Pearce
Chairman

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