

Title of meeting: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 5th March 2015

Subject: Building Control Partnership

Report by: Claire Upton-Brown (City Development Manager)

Wards affected: Nil

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide an update to Cabinet on the progress of the Building Control Partnership discussions between Portsmouth City Council and the Fareham and Gosport Building Control Partnership (FGBCP).

2. Recommendations

That members note:

- 2.1 That the Strategic Director (SD) for Regeneration in consultation with the portfolio holder for PRED have endorsed the recommendation that PCC enter into a partnership arrangement with the Fareham and Gosport Building Control partnership.
- 2.2 The progress and that the proposed date for the formation of the new partnership is 1st May 2015 (subject to formal endorsement by Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils -March /April)

3. Background/Progress

- 3.1 In 2013, a service review was undertaken of the former Planning service. The Building Control team formed part of the wider service and during the consultation process, staff suggested that the option of partnership working was considered. Following on from this, in July 2014 a feasibility study was undertaken to establish whether or not partnership working should be pursued with the Fareham & Gosport Building Control Partnership.
- 3.2 In December 2014, Cabinet endorsed the Feasibility Study's report and its recommendations to:
- 3.2.1 Further explore partnership working
 - 3.2.2 Delegate the final decision to the Strategic Director (SD) for Regeneration in consultation with the portfolio holder for PRED.

- 3.3 After further engagement with the FGBCP throughout January 2015, all parties were agreed that partnership working was feasible and beneficial, and a recommendation was made to the SD and Portfolio Holder that PCC enter into a partnership arrangement with the FGBCP. This recommendation was subsequently endorsed.
- 3.4 Following this endorsement, activity has focused on preparing and agreeing an implementation plan with the partnership and preparation for the staff consultation which will start on the 2nd March. The former has resulted in a proposal that the new partnership between PCC and the FGBCP starts on the 1st May 2015.

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Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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