

NOTE TO: JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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TOPIC: BUILDING CONTROL BUSINESS UPDATE

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this note is to update members regarding the progress of the partnership and contains no recommendations.

2 REPORT

2.1 Staff

- 2.1.1 A number of staff have enrolled for the LABC validation of fire safety expertise. A great deal of effort has been expended this period to prepare Surveyors for the examination which is scheduled for 19 November 2019.
- 2.1.2 Our trainee has been enrolled on the BSc Public Service Building Control Degree at Wolverhampton University.

2.2 Approved Inspector Insurance Issues

- 2.2.1 Ultimately only three approved inspectors failed to renew their insurance and have ceased trading as a result
- Aedis
 - Guy Shattock
 - Thames Building Control
- 2.2.2 Of these companies only Aedis was active in this area. All applicants with projects that have not been closed have received letters from us explaining the situation and are either providing completion certificates where we were not previously notified or will need to make reversion applications. At the time of writing 2x reversion applications had been received.
- 2.2.3 The sending of letters was delayed as we had hoped that this was going to be coordinated nationally.
- 2.2.4 In one case we have agreed for a project to be transferred between approved inspectors.

2.3 Revision to regulations

- 2.3.1 The revised approved documents were published incorporating the 2019 amendments but were almost immediately withdrawn due to errors. They have now been republished but are not available in hard copy.
- 2.3.2 The consultation regarding the government's proposals resulting from the Hackitt enquiry closed but nothing further has been announced.