

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of the Executive

on 19th May 2026

Extension of existing agreement with Derbyshire Building Control Partnership (DBCP)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Growth

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	Strategic Director of Property, Construction & Assets

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Council has an existing Services Agreement with Derbyshire Building Control Partnership Limited for the provision of Building Control services. This report seeks approval to extend that agreement for a further period to 31 March 2029 and to agree service charge and funding arrangements. The extension will maintain service continuity, provide value for money, and support the Council's statutory obligations.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council is a shareholder in Derbyshire Building Control Partnership Limited ("the Company"), which delivers Building Control services on behalf of participating local authorities.
- 1.2 The Council and the Company originally entered into a Services Agreement on 1 June 2017 with an initial term of three years. This agreement has been extended on a number of occasions, including:
 - A one-year extension covering 2020–2021;
 - A three-year extension agreed in June 2021; and
 - A further extension which currently runs until March 2027.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 Extension of Service Charge

For the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029, the annual service charge payable by the Council will be £54,500 plus VAT, which ensures the cost remains the same as the current arrangement for a longer period.

Officers consider this to represent a reasonable cost for the continued delivery of the service.

2.2 Levy Funding and New Burdens Funding

The Extension Agreement also formalises arrangements for the collection and administration of Levy Funding. These include:

- Collection of Levy Funding by the Company and payment to the relevant Government Department via an independent bank account and the DELTA system;
- Separate reporting arrangements for each participating authority; and
- Allocation of 100% of New Burdens Funding received by each Authority to the Company.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The partnership model has provided resilience within a competitive Building Control market and has enabled the Council to continue to meet its statutory responsibilities efficiently and effectively.

3.2 Failure to approve the extension could result in service disruption, loss of expertise and reduced resilience in a statutory function. Extending the agreement mitigates these risks by maintaining an established and effective partnership arrangement.

3.3 These provisions ensure clarity, transparency, and regulatory compliance across all partner authorities.

4. Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 To not extend the Services Agreement - This could require the Council to identify and implement an alternative service delivery model, from 2027, such as bringing the service back in-house or undertaking a fresh procurement exercise. Officers consider this to present increased financial, operational, and reputational risk and therefore do not recommend this option.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (1) That Executive approves the extension of the Services Agreement with Derbyshire Building Control Partnership Limited to 31 March 2029;
- (2) That Executive approves the revised service charge of £54,500 per annum plus VAT for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029; and
- (3) That Executive authorises the Strategic Director of Property, Construction and Assets, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, to enter into and complete the Extension Agreement on behalf of the Council.

Approved by Councillor Tom Munro Portfolio Holder for Growth

IMPLICATIONS

A. Finance and Risk	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Details: <p>The service charge of £54,500 per annum plus VAT can be accommodated within existing budgets. The extension provides cost certainty and avoids the potentially higher costs associated with alternative delivery arrangements.</p> <p>Discussions with neighbouring authorities regarding New Burdens Funding payments to be received from the government to implement the new Levy system, are that the funding should be transferred to the Building Control Partnership as it is they who are making all the changes to ensure the service meets the new requirements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Section 151 Officer</p>		

B. Legal (including Data Protection)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Details: <p>The Council has the necessary powers to enter into and extend the Services Agreement. The Extension Agreement has been drafted to ensure consistency with the original contract and to minimise legal risk.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council</p>		

C. Staffing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: <p>There are no staffing implications arising from the recommendations within this report</p> <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Head of Paid Service</p>		

D. Environment Yes No

There are no direct climate change implications arising from this report. Continued delivery of Building Control services supports compliance with Building Regulations, including energy efficiency standards

E. Equality and Diversity

You can assess the impact by considering whether the equality evidence indicates potential differential impact on each protected characteristic group or provides an opportunity to improve equality in an area.

We ask colleagues to do an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) when refreshing policies/guidance/plans or creating new ones.

Have you considered equality impacts in relation to the topic of this report?

Yes No

If this is a new or refresh of a policy, guidance or plan, have you carried out an EIA?

Yes No

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required. The proposals do not have any adverse equality implications.

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision?

A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District, or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: -

Yes No

If the decision is a key decision, please indicate which threshold applies:

Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or **(b)** Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.

(a) (b)

Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or **(b)** Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.

(a) (b)

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i></p> <p>Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:</p>	<p>All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>All key decisions are subject to Scrutiny call-in unless the call-in period is to be waived, however, exemption from call-in is only with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>Is this Key Decision subject to Scrutiny Call-In? (leave blank if not applicable)</p> <p>If No, has the Monitoring Officer agreed?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Details: -</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing</p>
<p>Customer, Environment</p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
	None

<p>Background Papers <i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>
<p>None</p>