

**BUILDING CONTROL SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, EARLE STREET, CREWE  
18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor J Wray	Chair - Congleton Borough Council
Councillor R A Bailey	Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council
Councillor C G Thorley	Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council
Councillor F Keegan	Macclesfield Borough Council

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Representing Crewe and Nantwich

Ms T Baldwin	Principal Accountant
Mr I Hope	Principal Planning Officer
Mr A Millington	Strategic Manager (Planning & Development)
Ms D Moulson	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Rossiter	Support Services Manager

Representing Building Control Joint Service Partnership

Mr I Bunn	Head of Building Control
Mr A Logan	Operational Team Leader
Mr B Woolley	Operational Team Leader
Mr S Worthington	Business Support Team Leader

Representing Congleton

Mr I Simpson	Assistant Chief Executive
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Representing Macclesfield

Mr J Knight	Corporate Manager (Planning and Development)
Ms J Wilcox	Financial Services Manager

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors B E Moran and W J McRae

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made any declaration of interest in any item of business on the agenda.

**39. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 be approved as a correct record.

#### 40. BUILDING CONTROL PRESENTATION

On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008, the Joint Committee had considered the report of the Building Control Joint Service Management Team which outlined proposals to integrate the three current Building Control computer systems into a single system. At that time, the Joint Committee was unable to reach a decision on the proposal, requesting that further consideration be given to the issues raised at the meeting.

Discussions had taken place between the partner organisations to resolve the concerns raised and the Joint Committee was now invited to reconsider the matter.

To aid discussion, the Operational Team Leader made a presentation to the Joint Committee outlining the difficulties experienced by the Building Control Service in operating three systems and the benefits which could be obtained from integrating the systems into one. It was intended that the new procedure would become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008, improving the performance of the service and providing a suitable short-term solution prior to the introduction of a unitary authority for Cheshire East.

Whilst integration was supported in principle, Mr Millington (Strategic Manager) had expressed reservations and asked a number of questions of the Head of Building Control which were responded to as appropriate. The Strategic Manager stated that, in his opinion, the proposal did not address the individual needs of the three authorities and he sought to impose a *caveat* which would suspend its introduction if the information required by each Council was not available by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Both Congleton and Macclesfield opposed the inclusion of a *caveat*, confirming that they were minded to support the proposal as stated.

#### 41. BUILDING CONTROL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR 2008/2009

The Joint Committee considered the report of the Head of Building Control which invited Members to agree to the storage of new application registration data submitted to the Joint Service from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 within a nominated system pending a future decision on a system for the proposed unitary authority.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That a new application registration data be stored within the Swift Lg system from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008; and

(b) That all new application details be included within the Anite Document Management System linked to the Swift Lg system from 1 May 2008.

***(Note: Councillor Bailey voted against the motion, which has been recorded in accordance with Macclesfield Borough Council's Procedure Rules.)***