

Report to:	Chief Operating Officer	
Date:	16 April 2025	
Title:	Closure of Cornwall Development Company Ltd and subsidiaries	
Portfolio Area:	Customers	
Divisions Affected:	N/A	
Local Member(s) briefed:	N/A	
Relevant Scrutiny Committee: Corporate Finance and Performance		
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Approval and clearance obtained:		Y
Date next steps can be taken		Immediately upon sign off
For Cabinet and delegated executive decisions only		
Key decision? (≥£500k in value or significant effect on communities in two or more electoral divisions)		N
Published in advance on Cabinet Work Programme?		N
Urgency Procedure(s) used if 'N' to Work Programme?		N

Recommendation:

1. That the closure and subsequent winding up of Cornwall Development Company Limited and its subsidiary entities Rural Economic Partnership Limited and Camborne Pool Redruth Urban Regeneration Company Limited ('the CDC entities') be approved.

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report relates to obtaining the necessary approval to close Cornwall Development Company Ltd ('CDC') and its subsidiaries (Camborne, Pool Redruth Urban Regeneration Company 'CPRURC' and Rural Economic Partnership Limited 'REP') collectively described as the 'CDC entities' as part of the approved decision on 8 March 2023 in which CDC and Subsidiaries were transferred from Corserv into Council Control.
- 1.2 The CDC entities are not trading and are no longer required, and this report seeks authority to facilitate the transfer of any remaining assets from the CDC entities and the subsequent winding up of the CDC entities.

2 Purpose of Report and key information

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide sufficient background and information to approve the decision to close down the CDC and Subsidiaries and for any remaining assets or cash balances to be transferred into the Council following approval in 2022 to transfer operations back into full Council control from Corserv.
- 2.2 The ultimate parent is Cornwall Council. CDC has two wholly owned subsidiaries being Rural Economic Partnership Limited and Camborne Pool Redruth Urban Regeneration Company Limited. The CDC entities have not traded for some time, there are assets and cash reserved which will need to be transferred out to the Council. An Individual Decision was approved by the Strategic Director for Economic Growth and Development on 30 March 2022 to consider the transfer of CDC and its subsidiaries from the Corserv Group into Cornwall Council. The additional approval to now close these companies is required and authority to make any necessary amendments to help with the closure. The following four recommendations were previously approved.
 - 2.2.1 That under delegated authority, the Strategic Director for Economic Growth and Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, approve the transfer of all CDC service provision from the Corserv Group into Cornwall Council by 1 April 2022, as a business function within Economic Growth and Development.
 - 2.2.2 That as part of this operational decision, staff and assets of CDC will transfer to Cornwall Council at the earliest opportunity.
 - 2.2.3 To accept that while the aim is for the transfer to be cost neutral to both sides, Cornwall Council will be taking on the risk and liabilities

associated with grant funded project delivery and potential clawback, TUPE transfers, property assets, pension costs and possible future redundancy liabilities.

- 2.2.4 That the assets (properties and reserves) held by CDC and its subsidiaries will ultimately transfer to Cornwall Council and will be held by the Council to mitigate the risks and liabilities arising from this transfer. Initially this will be achieved through a transfer of the Information Classification: PUBLIC membership of CDC from Corserv Ltd to the Council to enable the Council to take control of the assets.

- 2.3 This report is following on from the previous decisions to conclude the closure of the CDC entities and transfer any remaining cash balances and assets to the Council.

3 Benefits for Customers/Residents

- 3.1 This is an internal report to further action a previous decision. The closure of CDC and subsidiaries will have no associated benefits or negative impact on customers and residents.

4 Relevant Previous Decisions

- 4.1 On 30 March 2022, the Strategic Director for Economic Growth and Development approved the transfer of Cornwall Development Company from the Corserv Group into Cornwall Council.
- 4.2 [Issue details – Individual Decision – Transfer of Cornwall Development Company from the Corserv Group into Cornwall Council](#)

5 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.1 The Leader and Portfolio Holder Customers have been briefed and are supportive of this proposal to conclude the wind down of CDC and subsidiaries.

6 Financial Implications of the proposed course of action/decision

- 6.1 This is an executive non key decision to close CDC and subsidiaries as scheduled. Any remaining net balances, after settling outstanding transactions, will be transferred to CC. All operational transfers have been completed, with only the property transfer pending, which is nearly finalised. Once this is accomplished, the companies can be wound up. Keeping the companies operational poses a greater risk than winding them up.

7 Legal/Governance Implications of the proposed course of action/decision

- 7.1 This is an executive non key decision to close and provide for the winding up of the CDC entities and transfer any remaining subsequent cash reserves and assets back in to the Council.
- 7.2 There are no adverse governance or legal implications arising from this decision.

8 Risk Implications of the proposed course of action/decision

- 8.1 There are no operational or financial risks to approving the recommendations of this report as [the CDC entities are not trading and this decision facilitates the winding up of the CDC entities.]

9 Cornwall Development and Decision Wheel

- 9.1 A Cornwall Development and Decision Wheel has not been completed and it is not appropriate for this report following the agreed exceptions that this report is relating to changes in financial arrangements and/or reserves arising from the closure of dormant Council Owned Entities.

10 Options available

- 10.1 Option 1 approve the recommendations in this report which would facilitate the winding up of the CDC entities. This is the recommended option for the reasons set out in the report.
- 10.2 Option 2 – to not approve the recommendations and for the CDC entities to continue. This is not the recommended option as there is no operational requirement for the CDC entities to continue to exist.

11 Supporting Information (Appendices)

- 11.1 None.

12 Background Papers

- 12.1 None.

13 Approval and clearance

All reports:

Final report sign offs	This report has been cleared by (or mark not required if appropriate)	Date
Governance/Legal (Required for all reports)	Mark Pearce	17.04.2025
Finance (Required for all reports)	Leah Plummer	17.04.2025
Cornwall Development and Decision Wheel (where required)		
Service Director (Required for all reports)	Peter Marsh	17.04.2025
Strategic Director (If required)	Alice Gunn	22.04.2025