

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
Friday 9 February 2018

1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR HANNAFORD
Re: Service Risks - Carillion

Following further investigations have Officers identified any further service risks from the collapse of Carillion?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HART

At present, we are not aware of any additional service risks associated with the collapse of Carillion. As previously set out, Carillion divested much of their Devon based activity several years ago, with limited involvement since that point in core services. We are however monitoring the situation, mindful of any wider impacts on partner organisations and provision.

2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR HANNAFORD
Re: Economic Consequences of Carillion

Have we been able to ascertain the possible economic consequences of the estimated two hundred jobs that could be affected in Devon?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR BARKER

Given both the complexity of their operating model across the UK, and the uncertainties surrounding many of the firm's ongoing contracts, we are currently unable to ascertain the likely impact within the County from Carillion's collapse. We anticipate that any assessment of impact will be difficult before the Administrator has concluded their ongoing role.

3. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR HANNAFORD
Re: Economic Consequences in terms of which Sectors

Can we work to identify these economic consequences in terms of which sectors, supply chains, small and medium sized enterprises?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR BARKER

In advance of the work of the Administrator, and clarity around how Carillion's existing work programme will be delivered / dealt with, we are unable to identify the likely economic consequences on any supply chain partners, sector or individual company within Devon. We are however monitoring the situation for any unforeseen impacts.

4. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR HANNAFORD
Re: Apprenticeships

Carillion was one of the main national providers of apprenticeships, so do we know how this will affect us locally?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR BARKER

Whilst Carillion was a major employer of apprentices nationally, the number training within Devon itself has historically been low. Liaison with our Colleges and Training Providers following the collapse of the firm suggests that Carillion had no direct apprentices in the County in 2016/17, with the last cohort completing their training in 2015/16 (10 placed with Exeter). The Construction Industry Trade Board ('CITB'), which coordinates wider apprenticeship training across the sector, also reported they were not aware of any shared apprenticeships with Carillion at present within the County, with the nearest reported apprentice hosted in Gloucestershire.

As with other areas however, we are monitoring the situation for any downstream supply chain impact which may emerge as the Administrator takes action. In the event of any indirect effect on apprentices however, we will seek to support the CITB and wider providers to explore options as appropriate.