

Progress Update – EIT Review of Highways, Lighting, and Network Management

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1	The Council pursue the application for PFI Credits and, if successful, procure a private finance operator to deliver a street lighting replacement and maintenance programme.	Richard McGuckin	Andy Bryson	Review September 2010	Cabinet approved the development of the outline business case on 20 May 2010. Officers are working in partnership with Durham County Council to submit the outline business case in October 2010. Head of Service and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport attend monthly Board meetings to review progress of the OBC. Copies of monthly progress reports can be made available to Members.	Awaiting financial modelling contained within the OBC.	2 – On Track
2	If the Council are not successful with the application for PFI credits, further consideration is given to bring the street lighting service in-house to deliver expected efficiencies.	Richard McGuckin	Andy Bryson	Review March 2010	This is related to number 1 above.		
3	Detailed exploration of partnership working with other Tees Valley Authorities be closely considered in line with recommendation 2 above.	Richard McGuckin	Andy Bryson	Review April 2010	This is related to number 1 above.		

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4	Funding mechanisms be considered through prudential borrowing or capital investment to bring forward the replacement of obsolete column stock, delivering a revenue energy and maintenance saving in line with recommendation 2 above.	Brian Buckley	Andy Bryson	Review March 2010	This is related to number 1 above.		
5	Decommissioning of lit road signs and bollards, replaced with reflective equipment to provide a revenue energy saving.	Brian Buckley & Richard Bradley	Andy Bryson	Review March 2011	The PFI, if successful, will include the replacement of all lit and non lit signs. As a result a programme for the removal and decommissioning of lit signs has been put on hold until the approval of the OBC in October this year.	Projected £20K per annum on energy costs.	2 – On Track
6	Further work be undertaken, in line with the commercial service EIT review to ensure that highway improvement works can be delivered in house on a commercial basis, to reduce the need to have to appoint delivery partners for capital highway works.	Sue Daniels	Andy Bryson	Review March 2010	Joint management meeting held to review working practices and identify improved methods of communicating and monitoring work programmes jointly. A schedule of resources has been developed that matches the work programme from highway construction, highway maintenance and winter maintenance to ensure	No financial savings were attributed to this.	2 – On Track

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					that all Direct Services resources are fully occupied.		
7	Further work be undertaken to look at strengthening the links between the Network Management Duty and the Highway Inspection Service, currently delivered by Care for Your Area.	Brian Buckley	Andy Bryson	Review September 2010	Slipped, this issue will be considered in greater detail during the preparation of the annual network management report scheduled for publication in late 2010.	None identified.	3 - Slipped
8	Bus shelter maintenance budget to be transferred to Direct Services from 2010/11.	Brian Buckley	Andy Bryson	March 2010	Complete.	None directly however maintenance budgets are now combined within Direct Services.	1 – Fully Achieved
9	Highways related consultation be delivered through an electronic mechanism utilising internet and email communication where residents and customers are prepared to engage.	Bill Trewick	Andy Bryson	Review June 2010	Ongoing. 3 LTP schemes were to be piloted using this mechanism in 2010/11. Since the reductions in LTP funding for the current year only two schemes remain eligible to be pilots. These are Farirfield Road local safety scheme and Yarm HGV study.	The estimated cost of paper based consultation can be as much as £2,000 per scheme.	2 – On Track