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1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROGRESS

- 1.1.1 All successful authorities were informed of their success in an award letter issued by the Minister of Transport dated 11 January 2002. This is considered to be the formal start date for all activities to be included under Challenge Funding. A few authorities had made progress in anticipation of this funding. However, the majority are starting at the initial consultation stage.
- 1.1.2 Reporting procedures have been established for both the financial and technical aspects of the project. These have taken some time to establish and receipt of information is still sporadic.
- 1.1.3 Much of the progress over these initial months has been in establishing the project teams and networking with the local community organisations. Those authorities where Home Zones are complementing other larger schemes, or are a further phase of work already underway, are now starting on the draft scheme proposals.
- 1.1.4 Of the 61 schemes selected, all authorities have submitted financial information. However, we are still awaiting progress update forms from 18 authorities. A further eight authorities have returned progress forms with no information, or with only the first phase of consultation programmed.
- 1.1.5 Early indications are that the programmes presented to date are already slipping and that the planned programmes are ambitious, especially in terms of assessing the level of consultation that is required to successfully implement these programmes.