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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Ross Silcock was appointed on 05 February 2002 to act as Programme Management Consultant on the Home Zone Challenge being undertaken by the Department for Transport (DfT).

1.2 This report provides a summary of the work undertaken during the quarter ending 30th November 2004 in providing those services.

1.3 Following this introduction there is a review of the main activities during the period under each of the headings identified in the Inception Report. This is then followed by a review of the progress achieved by the local authorities participating in the scheme and the report concludes with a section identifying the issues raised this quarter and the main activities for the coming quarter.

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2.0 Progress Against Contract

2.1 Meetings

2.1.1 The tenth progress meeting was held in Jacobs Babbie's offices in London on 30th September 2004. Notes of the meeting have been issued.

2.2 Establish Local Authority Contacts

2.2.1 The Jacobs Babbie team of regional contacts has maintained regular contact with their assigned authorities. There are no changes to the team this quarter.

2.2.2 The following Authorities were visited or called in this quarter :

- Warrington Borough Council
- North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council

2.2.3 Regional Meetings held this quarter were as follows :

- Midlands Regional Meeting at Telford (14th September 2004)
- South West Regional Meeting at Plymouth (17th September 2004)
- North East Regional Meeting at Northumberland (22nd November 2004)
- Eastern Regional Meeting at Lowestoft (13th October 2004)
- North West 1 Regional Meeting at Manchester (22nd October 2004)
- North West 2 Regional Meeting at Wirral (21st October 2004)
- South Regional Meeting at Gravesend (28th October 2004)
- Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Meeting at Leeds (23rd November 2004)

2.3 Website Set-up

2.3.1 The project website has now been fully established.

2.4 Website Maintenance

2.4.1 'Progress Update' information continues to be added to on a quarterly basis and an archive of updates maintained for each zone. Where information has been provided by a Local Authority, such as consultation leaflets and photos of events, these have been added to each scheme's section.

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2.5 Internal Reporting

2.5.1 Over 50 'reports' have been so far produced. Reports in this sense also include the minutes of all meetings (other than those with individual Authorities). With the exception of the Inception Report, all these have been submitted in electronic format.

2.6 Conferences

2.6.1 It was agreed this quarter that the team would hold a New Build Developers lunch as a side event to the Urban Summit in February 2005. This will be a prestigious, invitation only, three course lunch event for around 50-60 developers, local authority planners and engineers. It will consist of a short presentation to set the scene and then discussions between courses to stimulate debate on set topics relevant to progressing New Build developments. A suite has been provisionally booked at the Midland Hotel adjacent to the Urban Summit venue of G-Mex.

2.6.2 There will then be a focus on the end of Challenge conference to be held in November 2005.

2.7 Publications

2.7.1 A paper has been written for the ICE Journal, which will be published in mid December 2004.

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3.0 Local Authority Progress

3.1 Of the 61 schemes :

- 44 Authorities submitted both their completed proformas by the return date of 1st December 2004.
- In addition, Plymouth, Nottingham, Kingston, St Helens and Wiltshire (Westleigh) are no longer pressed to return forms.

3.2 As the Challenge moves into its last quarter, 20 schemes are now substantially complete:

- Plymouth
- Kingston upon Thames
- Suffolk
- St Helens
- Wiltshire (Westleigh)
- Trafford
- Peterborough
- Camden
- Darlington
- North Tyneside
- Staffordshire (Silkmore)
- Nottingham
- London Borough of Southwark
- Wirral
- Kirklees
- Lancashire - Morecambe
- Manchester
- Wilmot Drive, Staffordshire
- Tameside
- LB of Haringey

3.3 The following Authorities are on site :

- Southampton
- Oxfordshire
- West Sussex
- Blackpool
- Greenwich
- LB of Bromley

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- Lancashire – Burnley
- Bolton
- Bury
- Derby
- Hull
- London Borough of Newham
- Luton
- Norwich
- South Tyneside
- Wiltshire – College Community
- Worcestershire
- Hampshire
- Gateshead
- Kent - Gravesend
- Liverpool
- Northumberland
- Middlesbrough
- Rochdale
- Surrey
- Wolverhampton
- Bristol
- Cheshire
- Cornwall
- Devon
- East Sussex
- Leeds
- North Lincolnshire
- Telford & Wrekin
- Bath (Peasedown)

3.4 On the basis of current proformas 14 of these 35 schemes on site will be complete by Christmas.

3.5 The following Authorities are at the tender stage. All but Wigan plan to be on site before Christmas :

- Birmingham
- Reading
- Warrington
- Wigan

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3.6 Unfortunately, as a result of public votes, the Bath (Malvern Buildings) and Kent (Dover) schemes will not be taken any further.

3.7 Of the 61 schemes, six schemes have confirmed that their programmes will go beyond February 2005. Unfortunately not enough information is available for 17 schemes.

3.8 Due to lack of progress or other difficulties, those schemes identified in the next section will need close monitoring this coming quarter:

3.9 In addition the chart overleaf shows Local Authority progress as reported this quarter. The information is taken from the 'Programme' section of the Progress Update and is slightly different to the above information in a number of cases (the above information is considered to be more accurate). The green sections show which tasks the Authorities have begun or finished and the red shows those yet to be started or completed.

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Scheme Name	Local Authority	Progress Key Dates															
		Consultation Tasks		Draft Proposals		Final Proposals		Detailed Design		Tenders/ Works Orders		Traffic Regulation Orders		Construction		Monitoring	
		Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Start	Finish		
Albert Avenue area, Peasedown, St John	Bath and North East Somerset Council																
Malvern Buildings, Bath	Bath and North East Somerset Council																
Pitts Farm, Erdington	Birmingham City Council																
Talbot and Brunswick area	Blackpool Borough Council																
Oldham's Estate area	Bolton MBC																
Southville	Bristol City Council																
Victoria Estate, Whitefield	Bury MC																
Egerton Street area, Chester	Cheshire County Council																
North Close Estate, Redruth	Cornwall County Council																
Pately Moor Crescent	Darlington Borough Council																
Normanton	Derby City Council																
Exeter, Wonford	Devon County Council																
Town Farm Estate, Hailsham	East Sussex County Council																
Tyne Park	Gateshead Council																
Castle Grove area, Porchester	Hampshire County Council																
Heathfield Avenue area, Dover	Kent County Council																
Northcourt Estate, Denton	Kent County Council																
Albany Street	Kingston-Upon-Hull City Council																
Moorside Estate, Dewsbury	Kirklees MC																
Burnley, South West area	Lancashire County Council																
Poulton area (Morecambe)	Lancashire County Council																
Littlemoor	Leeds City Council																
Grafton Street area	Liverpool City Council																
Lupton Street area	London Borough of Camden																
Rookery Gardens, St Mary Cray	London Borough of Bromley																
Depford Green area	London Borough of Greenwich																
Linden Road N15	London Borough of Haringey																
Cavendish Road area	Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames																
Cranberry Estate	London Borough of Newham																
Sutherland Square	London Borough of Southwark																
Lewsey Farm	Luton Borough Council																
Northmoor Phase 2	Manchester City Council																
Gresham area	Middlesbrough Council																
Cavell Road, Norwich	Norfolk County Council																
Crosby / Frodingham	North Lincolnshire County																
The Triangle, North Shields	North Tyneside Council																
Cowpen Quay, Blyth	Northumberland County Council																
Kennington Road area	Nottingham City Council																
Saxton Road, Abingdon	Oxfordshire County Council																
New England	Peterborough City Council																
Morice Town area	Plymouth City Council																
Kingsbridge Road	Reading Borough Council																
Wardleworth	Rochdale MC																
Cleadow Park estate	South Tyneside MBC																
Radcliffe Road Environs, Northam	Southampton City Council																
Bidston Avenue area	St Helens MBC																
Silkmere, Stafford	Staffordshire County Council																
Wilmot Drive, Newcastle under Lyme	Staffordshire County Council																
Cambridge Road area, Lowestoft	Suffolk County Council																
Nutley Lane area, Reigate	Surrey County Council																
Ashton West End	Tameside MBC																
West Woodside	Telford and Wrekin Council																
The Addison Crescent Estate	Trafford MBC																
Whitecross area	Warrington Borough Council																
North West Bognor Regis area	West Sussex County Council																
Browning Street area Westlight	Wigan Council																
College Community area, Trowbridge	Wiltshire County Council																
Westleigh, Warminster	Wiltshire County Council																
Dundonald Street, Methuen Street	Wirral																
Fordhouses area	Wolverhampton City Council																
Duke of Edinburgh Way, Malvern	Worcestershire County Council																

4.0 Issues and Future Activities

4.1 Scheme issues are as follows :

- The **Bath (Peasedown)** scheme appears to be being watered down further and progress is slow. The authority will be asked to report monthly.
- **Bolton** will be asked to report monthly as they have not provided any information.
- Whilst the **London Borough of Bromley** are making good progress on site, information provided is inaccurate and spend is slow. They will be contacted.
- There are concerns that **Telford & Wrekin** are not making enough progress on site. Contact will be made.
- **Luton** will be asked to report monthly as spend is low.
- Programme and cost information is awaited from **Reading**. They will be asked to report monthly.
- **North Lincolnshire** have been very poor at reporting. However it was reported at the recent regional meeting that significant progress on site has been made. Despite requests, monthly reports are not being received in a timely manner.
- Following the recent meeting, weekly progress reports are being received from **Warrington** however there are concerns that the start date on site is continually slipping.
- Kent has now confirmed that the scheme planned for Heathfield Avenue, **Dover** will not proceed.
- **Wigan** have confirmed that the work on site will not commence until the New Year. This is a concern and the authority will be contacted.