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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 31<sup>st</sup> August 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 ninth progress meeting was held in Babbie's offices in Manchester on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2004. Notes of the meeting have been issued.

### 2.2 Establish Local Authority Contacts

2.2.1 The 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 :

- Birmingham City Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- Telford & Wrekin Council

2.2.3 Regional Meetings held this quarter were as follows :

- North East Regional Meeting at Middlesbrough (8th June 2004)
- Eastern Regional Meeting in London (9th June 2004)
- North West 1 Regional Meeting at Rochdale (15<sup>th</sup> June 2004)
- North West 2 Regional Meeting at Liverpool (15<sup>th</sup> June 2004)
- London Boroughs Regional Meeting at Kingston (7<sup>th</sup> July 2004)
- Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Meeting at North Lincolnshire (28<sup>th</sup> July 2004)
- South Regional Meeting at West Sussex (21st July 2004)

2.2.4 Further regional meetings are planned as follows :

- Midlands Regional Meeting at Telford (14th September 2004)
- South West Regional Meeting at Plymouth (17<sup>th</sup> September 2004)
- North East Regional Meeting at Northumberland (tba for end of September 2004)
- London Boroughs Regional Meeting at Southwark (tba for end of September 2004)
- Eastern Regional Meeting at Lowestoft (13<sup>th</sup> October 2004)
- North West 1 Regional Meeting at Manchester (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2004)
- North West 2 Regional Meeting at Wirral (21<sup>st</sup> October 2004)

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### **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. The 'Cleaner, greener, safer' logo has been added to the website this quarter and the password removed from the Challenge participants only section.

### **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 at the last progress meeting that this year the team would concentrate on the New Build Developers Seminar, whilst looking out for opportunities such as the Urban Summit. There will then be a focus on the end of Challenge conference next year.

2.6.2 The New Build Seminar will be a prestigious, invitation only, short, lunch buffet event for around 50-60 developers, local authority planners and engineers in November. It will consist of 1 or 2 short presentations to set the scene and then split into tables with facilitators (all working under Chatham House rules) to try to think their way round issues.

### **2.7 Publications**

2.7.1 A paper has been written for the ICE Journal, which has submitted for publication in September.

### **2.8 Resources**

2.8.1 The allocation of resources is being reviewed to reflect the decision to proceed with a high quality 'Good Practice' final report, possibly entailing the transfer of time from local contacts to the core team.

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## 3.0 Local Authority Progress

3.1 Of the 61 schemes :

- 46 Authorities submitted both their completed proformas by the return date of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2004.
- 10 Authorities still undertaking schemes had not submitted their Progress Update by 9<sup>th</sup> September 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 two quarters, 12 schemes are now substantially complete:

- Plymouth
- Kingston upon Thames
- Suffolk
- St Helens
- Wiltshire (Westleigh)
- Trafford
- Peterborough
- Camden
- Darlington
- North Tyneside
- Staffordshire (Silkmore)
- Nottingham

3.3 The following Authorities are on site :

- Blackpool
- Greenwich
- Lancashire – Burnley
- Bolton
- Bury
- Derby
- Hull
- London Borough of Newham
- London Borough of Southwark
- Luton
- Norwich
- Oxfordshire

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- South Tyneside
- West Sussex
- Wiltshire – College Community
- Wirral
- Worcestershire
- Hampshire
- Gateshead
- Kirklees
- Kent - Gravesend
- Lancashire - Morecambe
- Liverpool
- Northumberland
- Manchester
- Middlesbrough
- Rochdale
- Wilmot Drive, Staffordshire
- Southampton
- Surrey
- Tameside
- Wolverhampton

3.4 On the basis of current proformas 16 of these schemes on site will be complete by November 2004.

3.5 The following Authorities are at the detailed design/tender stage :

- Bath (Peasedown)
- Birmingham
- Bristol
- Cheshire
- Cornwall
- Devon
- East Sussex
- Leeds
- LB of Haringey
- LB of Bromley
- North Lincolnshire
- Reading
- Telford & Wrekin
- 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 Due to lack of progress or other difficulties, those schemes identified in the next section will need close monitoring this coming quarter:

3.8 Progress and difficulties information taken from the Updates can be found in the Appendix. 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		
Abert 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																
Pateley 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																
Deptford 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																
Cleadon Park estate	South Tyneside MBC																
Radcliffe Road Environs, Northam	Southampton City Council																
Bidston Avenue area	St Helens MBC																
Silkmore, 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																

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## 4.0 Issues and Future Activities

### 4.1 Scheme issues are as follows :

- Initial programme and costing information has been received from **Telford & Wrekin**. Progress will be discussed at the upcoming Regional Meeting.
- Despite threats of demolition, the **Burnley** scheme has now started on site. This scheme will be monitored over the coming months.
- A further meeting was held with **Reading** this quarter. However programme and detailed design information is still awaited and will be requested again.
- A meeting was held with **Birmingham** at Marsham Street recently. A letter outlining scheme changes and a programme are now awaited.
- **North Lincolnshire** have been very poor at reporting. However it was reported at the last regional & individual meeting that significant progress has been made. Despite requests, monthly reports have not been received. DfT to write again.
- Following a meeting at which **Southwark** gave reassurances that progress and management would improve, returns have been received this quarter.
- Following the concern that the design for the **Warrington** scheme does not represent a good example of a home zone, confirmation of final scheme design and programme will be requested.
- Due to public opposition, the scheme planned for Heathfield Avenue, **Dover** was recommended by the officers not to proceed. However at the Committee Meeting the Councillors decided to pursue public support further. Kent CC are yet to report back on the outcome which is understood to be abandonment.
- **Derby** have written to the Department regarding scheme changes. The Department has responded confirming its' agreement to the changes sent through and requesting that a detailed delivery plan and financial profile for the modified scheme be provided. Details are awaited.
- **East Sussex** are progressing with proposals for the Vega/Phoenix/Orion & Geering/Hollamby (new build) Avenues. It is understood that the tender price may come

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in too high and that an alternative scheme is being considered excluding the car park. If this alternative scheme proceeds, agreement from the DfT should be sought.

- Ten Authorities have not submitted their Progress Proformas a significant time beyond the deadline. It is suggested that the DfT write to these Authorities informing them that under the Terms & Conditions of the grant, failure to comply will result in the withdrawal of grant.
- The monthly reporting system will be formalised this quarter.