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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 28th February 2005 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 eleventh progress meeting was held in Jacobs Babtie's offices in London on 13th December 2004. Notes of the meeting have been issued.

2.2 Establish Local Authority Contacts

2.2.1 The Jacobs Babtie team of regional contacts has maintained regular contact with their assigned authorities. Jodie Mairs has now left the Company and her role will be filled by Tim Munday. Adam Palmer and Vincent Holden also now join the team.

2.2.2 With the end of the Challenge approaching, very few meetings were held with Local Authorities this quarter. Regional Meetings were held with the Southern and South West groups.

2.2 Website Set-up

2.3.1 The project website has now been fully established.

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

2.5 Conferences

2.6.1 This quarter a New Build Developers lunch was held as a side event to the Urban Summit in Manchester. Other than an unfortunate dis-interest on the part of housebuilders, the event was deemed a success and will be reported upon shortly. Attention will soon need to be paid to the end of Challenge de-brief with Local Authorities (July 2005) and the conference to be held in November 2005.

2.7 Publications

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2.7.1 A paper was published in the ICE Journal in mid December 2004 and a paper was presented at Aston University in March 2005. A paper will soon be given at the Scottish Transport Applications and Research conference in April, an RTPPI conference in Durham in March and at the European Transport Conference at Strasbourg in September. Work has also begun on the structure and layout of the final 'Good Practice' Guide.

2.8 Resources

2.8.1 Resources have been re-allocated to reflect the decision to proceed with a high quality 'Good Practice' final report and as a result of the delayed progress of schemes. The Department are currently considering a request to extend the contract to November 2005.

3.0 Local Authority Progress

3.1 Of the 61 schemes :

- 32 Authorities submitted both their completed proformas by the return date of 28th February 2005.
- A further 13 Authorities submitted their proformas beyond that date.
- In addition, a number of Authorities with completed schemes are no longer pressed to return forms.

3.2 As the Challenge moves into its last quarter all 59 schemes are now either finished or on site and substantially complete:

3.8 Due to various issues, those schemes identified in the next section will need close monitoring this coming quarter:

3.9 The chart overleaf shows Local Authority progress as reported this quarter. The information is taken from the 'Programme' section of the Progress Update and in a number of cases is out of date. 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	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																
Rockery 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 Council																
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	Peabergh City Council																
Morice Town area	Plymouth City Council																
Kingsbridge Road	Reading Borough Council																
Wardleworth	Rochdale MC																
Cleardon 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																

Blue Writing = Progress and Finance
Red Writing = Progress
Black Writing = No info received

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4.0 Issues and Future Activities

4.1 Scheme issues are as follows :

- The **Bath (Peasedown)** scheme appears to have been watered down and progress is slow. Challenge funds appear to have been spent on traffic calming works with additional funds being used later to provide play facilities and parking on the green.
- There are major concerns that **Telford & Wrekin** are not making enough progress on site and that the plans have been considerably 'engineered'. Just one cul de sac will now be complete by the deadline!
- **North Lincolnshire** has been very poor at reporting. However it was reported recently that significant progress on site has been made. Despite requests, monthly reports are still not being received. There is also concern regarding their lack of invoicing.
- **Bristol** has reported "The Howard Road Home Zone has been significantly reduced and is still at detailed design stage. It is currently anticipated that this will start on site during early March 2005. It is anticipated that all works will be complete by April 2005". This is obviously a concern in terms of spend and the effects of any slippage but will come from their own funds.
- The **Kent** scheme remains incomplete. Work on Shamrock Road has been suspended as residents were not fully supportive of the proposals and not enough funding is in place. Kent has suggested that if residents show increased support for the introduction of a home zone in Shamrock Road alternative funding streams will be explored.
- An Audit Certificate is still awaited from **Warrington**.
- **Wigan** is significantly behind on spend and will be contacted.

4.2 It is important that over the coming quarter the Wider Impacts questionnaires are issued and responses including photographs of all schemes are gathered, providing input to the 'Good Practice Guide'.