

Recruitment and consultancy freeze – exceptions approved – August 2011

1. During the month of August, the following exceptions to the recruitment and consultancy freeze (above £20k) have been considered by the Chief Executive, in his capacity as Accounting Officer.

Approval date	Ref: No. & directorate	Summary of application	Consultancy/ recruit	Decision
11 August 2011	119 Corporate Services	Pay advice on Network Rail's remuneration arrangements £25,000	Consultancy	Approved
15 August 2011	122 Legal	Temporary PA cover	External recruitment	Approved*
16 August 2011	121 Corporate Services	HR agency appointments	External recruitment	Approved
18 August 2011	123 Legal	Temporary worker to search databases for an ET disclosure	External recruitment	Approved
30 August 2011	125	International benchmarking of efficiency of Network Rail's expenditure on support and operations £100,000	Consultancy	Approved
Further details of any of the above applications and decisions are available from Elaine Horton				

2. The details are shown below:

* Approved by Director of Corporate Services as Accounting Officer on leave

3. No recruitment or consultancy applications were refused by the chief executive

4. One consultancy application (<£20k) was considered and approved by the Director of Corporate Services