

Approvals committee – February 2011
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1. Since the last Board meeting, our approval committee has met on 16 February 2011 to consider applications requiring approval of consultancy contracts over £20,000 and all external recruitment.
2. The cases considered are listed below:

Meeting date	Ref: No. & directorate	Summary of application	Consultancy/ recruit	Committee Decision
16 February 2011	85 Legal Services	Appointment of senior legal advisor	Recruitment	Approved
16 February 2011	89 RME	On-rail competition study £130,000	Consultancy	Approved
16 February 2011	90 CS	Follow up to board effectiveness/senior recruitment support £26,100	Consultancy	Approved
Further details of any of the above applications and decisions are available from Brian Warrener.				

3. The committee were also provided with details of any applications below £20,000 which are subject to approval by the director of corporate services. There have been three applications approved totalling £31,500k.
4. The committee also met on 1 February to consider one tender in excess of the OGC approved rate card. This was approved after clarification.