

<p><b>Recruitment and consultancy freeze – exceptions approved – January 2012</b></p>
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1. During the month of January 2012, the following exceptions to the recruitment and consultancy freeze (above £20k) have been considered by the Chief Executive, in his capacity as Accounting Officer.

2. The details are shown below:

<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Ref: No. &amp; directorate</b>	<b>Summary of application</b>	<b>Consultancy/ recruit</b>	<b>Decision</b>
20 January 2012	162 RME	Senior economists (5 posts – 2 at Grade A and 3 at Grade C)	Recruitment	Approved
20 January 2012	163 RME	Appointment of two temporary economists to provide support for PR13	Recruitment	Approved

3. The Director of Corporate Services did not approve any applications for consultancy <£20,000.