

Annex C

Approvals committee – 7 October 2010

1. Since the last Board meeting on 23rd September, our approval committee has met on 7 October 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
7 October 2010	37- RSD	RRV runaway – engagement of HSL for expert work £28,200 (including £14,300 previously approved by DCS)	Consultancy	Approved
7 October 2010	40 - RPP	Relative infrastructure managers' efficiency – consideration of the gap between Network Rail and other European comparators £34,250	Consultancy	Approved *
7 October 2010	41 - EA	Engagement of technical Web specialist £33,860	Recruitment	Approved
7 October 2010	43 - CS	Internal audit services £75,000 for two years	Internal audit	Approved
7 October 2010	44 - RME	Explaining Network Rail's inefficiency gap: assessing macroeconomic and structural factors £80,000	Consultancy	Approved *
7 October 2010	45 - RME	Real unit operating expenditure and frontier shift benchmarking of Network Rail £50,000	Consultancy	Approved *
7 October 2010	46 - CS	Extension to temporary Grade E post to 25 February 2011	Recruitment	Approved

		£9,000		
7 October 2010	47 - RME	External recruitment of economist Grade E, London	Recruitment	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 corporate services. There has been one application approved totalling £587.