

<b>Approvals committee – January 2011</b>
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1. Since the last Board meeting, our approval committee has considered four applications by correspondence and has met on 25 January 2011 to consider applications requiring approval of consultancy contracts over £20,000 and all external recruitment.

2. The cases considered are listed below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ref: No. &amp; directorate</b>	<b>Summary of application</b>	<b>Consultancy/ recruit</b>	<b>Committee Decision</b>
<b>Consideration by correspondence</b>				
19 January 2011	68 EA	Extension to the web producers contract £25,000	Recruitment	Approved
19 January 2011	79 RME	VfM study – resource efficiency – people stream £20,000	Consultancy	Approved
19 January 2011	80 RME	Consultancy study on on-rail competition £100,000	Consultancy	Approved
19 January 2011	81 CS	Extension to contract – HR officer	Recruitment	Approved
<b>Consideration in committee</b>				
25 January 2011	83 RPP	Additional operations advice	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 the director of corporate services. No applications had been approved. However one application had been revised and had now been approved by the chief executive, with a value of £17,000 (excl. VAT).