

Board and Topic	Rec No.	Recommendation as approved by the Executive on 10 April 2007	Update on recommendations as of July 2008
<b>Highways Maintenance Procurement Process &amp; PFI (Review Completed in April 2007)</b> Contact Damon Copperthwaite	1	That the efficiencies and other benefits gained through the PFI approach, as highlighted within the Eol be weighed against any budgetary inflexibility in future years, when deciding whether or not to proceed with the PFI process.	The Council was not selected as a pathfinder for Highway Maintenance PFI Project earlier this year. If a further opportunity arises for the Council to bid for a PFI project and the Council decide to submit a further bid then no doubt the benefits gained from the original project will be incorporated.
	2	That in the event that the PFI outcome is unsuccessful, the key issues identified should be taken into consideration when deciding upon an alternative approach.	Any benefits arising from the PFI project will be incorporated into any project considering an alternative approach.
	3	That in the event that the Council's Eol is successful, the decision to proceed to the next stage of the PFI process, i.e. submitting an Outline Business Case[1] (OBC), be weighed against the resulting greater annual budget commitment required from the Council if the highways repair and maintenance works are to be carried out.	The Council's Eol was not successful.
	4	That it be noted that the total expenditure over the lifespan of the PFI cannot be properly identified.	The Council's Eol was not successful.
	5	That in the event that the Eol is successful, careful consideration should be given when deciding whether to proceed to each of the following stages of the process.	The Council's Eol was not successful.
	6	The Executive resolved to note the scrutiny report and the issues raised and principles identified for procuring highways maintenance for the future and agreed to take them into account when the outcome of the PFI Expression of Interest was known and consequently when it determined the Council's future highways maintenance procurement arrangements.	When proposals come forward for new procurement arrangements for highway maintenance then the scrutiny report and the issues raised and principles identified will be taken into account.
Scrutiny Comment as of ?:			