Departmental Quarterly Monitoring Report

<u>Directorate:</u> Environment & Economy

Department: Highways, Transportation & Logistics

Period: Quarter 2 - 1st July – 30th September 2010

1.0 Introduction

This quarterly monitoring report covers the Highways, Transportation & Logistics Department second quarter period up to 30th September 2010. It describes key developments and progress against 'key' milestones and performance indicators for the service.

The way in which the traffic lights symbols and direction of travel indicators have been used to reflect progress to date is explained within Appendix 8. 0

2.0 Key Developments

Following completion of a competitive procurement exercise, Tarmac Contracting Ltd has been awarded the term contract for maintenance and renewal of street lighting, highway signage and associated infrastructure.

This contract is for a period of 5 years but with scope for a potential extension of an additional 5 years.

3.0 Emerging Issues

Highways And Transportation Consultancy Services Framework Agreement

The Council's highways and transportation consultancy services framework agreement with Mott MacDonald Ltd expires at the end of March 2011 and processes for procurement of future consultancy services have been initiated.

Procurement Centre of Excellence has advised that the NW Construction Hub which is a consultancy services framework currently being developed on a regional basis may be suited to HT&L's requirements in this regard.

As details of the Hub's scope, structure and how commissions will be invited are still developing a decision regarding its suitability will be made towards the end of the year.

Public Contracts Regs make provision for a 6 months extension to current arrangements and it is likely that Executive Board Sub approval will be sought for this option to be exercised and thereby for the Mott MacDonald engagement to be prolonged accordingly. This will allow time to evaluate suitability of the Hub. If it is decided that the Hub is not suitable, Procurement have recommended that the scope of HBC's framework engagement is broadened to include Council wide consultancy services requirements.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Plans for a new Local Sustainable Transport Fund were announced by Local Transport minister Norman Baker on 22nd September. The fund will challenge local transport authorities outside London to develop packages of measures that support economic growth and reduce carbon in their communities.

Transport authorities will be eligible to apply to the fund for schemes that deliver sustainable travel in their areas. The fund will focus on authorities who offer the highest returns, demonstrate partnership working and best value for money. Measures will be expected to improve access to jobs and services, reduce congestion and deliver better air quality and safety improvements. Schemes could include practical measures to encourage walking and cycling; initiatives to improve the integration between different modes of travel; and deliver better public transport priority.

The establishment of the fund will rationalise existing transport funding streams, and significantly reduce the number of centrally funded grants. Details about the fund and the level of resources to be made available will be announced following the conclusion of the Spending Review.

4.0 Service Objectives / milestones

4.1 Progress against 'key' objectives / milestones

Task completion dates for LTP3 milestones have slipped by 1 month but it is still expected that the submission date of March 2011 will still be met.

Although the Mersey Gateway has now received funding approval, further detail is awaited and the outcome from the public enquiry has yet to be given.

4.2 Progress against 'other' objectives / milestones

There are presently no objectives/ milestones of this type identified for this service.

5.0 Performance indicators

5.1 Progress Against 'key' performance indicators

For further details please refer to Appendix 3.

Please note that the total also includes 10 indicators for which information is currently unavailable.

The red indicator here represents the negative impact that the levels of road works along routes and also the diversions created have had on the excess waiting time (minutes) for frequent bus services. This has also led to the uncertainty over NI178 (bus service punctuality).

5.2 Progress Against 'other' performance indicators

Total 13 ? 1 0

For further details please refer to Appendix 4.

Please note that the total also includes 7 indicators for which information is currently unavailable.

Uncertainty is noted for third party compensation claims received due to alleged highways / footway defects as the projected total claims for the year is likely to exceed the target. However it should be noted that the number of successful claimants against the council shows a downward trend.

6.0 Risk Control Measures

There are no Risk Control Measures for this area.

7.0 Progress against high priority equality actions

There are no High Priority Equality Actions for this area.

8.0 Data quality statement

The author provides assurance that the information contained within this report is accurate and valid and that every effort has been made to avoid the omission of data. Where data has been estimated, has been sourced directly from partner or other agencies, or where there are any concerns regarding the limitations of its use this has been clearly annotated.

9.0 Appendices

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Appendix 1: Progress Against 'key' objectives / milestones

Ref	Objective
HTL 1	Mersey Gateway – Complete the procedural process to achieve all necessary orders and conditional approval of the Business Case for the construction of the Mersey Gateway within the timescales required.

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Submit Outline Business Case (OBC) to DfT TBA (Under review).	?	The Mersey Gateway was one of the major infrastructure projects called in under the Governments Comprehensive Spending Review in June this year, it did receive a positive outcome with the Chancellor's
DfT Ministerial approval TBA (Under review, previously July 2010).	?	announcement in October that the Mersey Gateway Project is to receive Government support.
HM Treasury approval (Chief Secretary TBA (Under review, previously August 2010).	?	It is understood that the full details of the funding arrangements and the extent of the Government's contribution to the project will be forthcoming in January 2011.
Secretary of State confirms the orders for the construction of the Mersey Gateway October 2010.	?	

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Ref	Objective
HTL 2	Mersey Gateway - Commence the procurement process for the construction of Mersey gateway to ensure that the project can be completed within the required timescales.

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Publish invitation to prospective tenders in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) TBA (Under review).	Inquiry together with the Secretaries of State's deci consents and Orders which, again, is expecting early receipt of the satisfactory consents and Orders it is to intention to continue the land acquisition process implementation of the Transport and Works Act Compulsory purchase Orders to assemble all the representation of the construction and operation of the property.	In addition the Council is still awaiting the outcome of the Public Inquiry together with the Secretaries of State's decision on the consents and Orders which, again, is expecting early in 2011. On receipt of the satisfactory consents and Orders it is the Council's intention, to continue the land acquisition process through
Prequalification of bids TBA (Under review).		implementation of the Transport and Works Act Order and Compulsory purchase Orders to assemble all the remaining land required for the construction and operation of the proposed Mersey Gateway Bridge and associated infrastructure. In the majority of
Commence Competitive Dialogue process TBA (Under review).	?	cases this is likely to be carried out through the GVD procedure for those interests that have not acquired by agreement. Although the acquisitions will be through the implementation of compulsory
Acquire all land interests for the scheme TBA (Under review).	?	purchase powers, as far as possible, regard will still be had to the Mersey Gateway Relocation Strategy.
		On confirmation of the Orders and Consents and confirmation of the funding arrangements the Mersey Gateway Team will then be in a position to progress the procurement process and invite formal expressions of interest from potential concessionaires/design, build, fund and operate companies.

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Ref	Objective
HTL 3	LTP Capital Programme - Deliver the LTP Capital Programmes to ensure that the transport system is maintained and developed to meets local needs

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
To deliver the 20010/11 LTP Capital Programme March 2011.		Following the Government's in-year budget reduction which removed the Road Safety Capital Grant, the LTP Capital Programme now comprises two funding blocks: Bridge and Road Maintenance: This is on programme. For details of the Major Bridge Maintenance elements of the programme see HTL5. Design of Road Maintenance schemes is complete. Phase 1 works were completed during the summer months and Phase 2 of the programme is underway with an anticipated completion date of end November. The footway reconstruction programme is also in progress. The first phase was completed during the summer. Works are underway on Phase 2 of the programme with the final phase due to be implemented for completion during Quarter 4 Integrated Transport programme: Following public consultation during the summer, Quality Transport Corridor schemes for the Ditton / Hale Road corridor are due for implementation during Quarter 3. Sections of the North — South corridor (pedestrian improvements at various junctions - Birchfield Road to Black Horse junction) have been designed and are now subject to consultation. Improvements to passenger waiting facilities at the Greenoaks and Halton Lea South bus stations have been designed and are under discussion with the site owners / operators. It is anticipated that these will be delivered during the final quarter. For progress on proposals at Hough Green and Widnes railway stations, see HTL6

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Ref	Objective
HTL 4	Local Transport Plan 3 – Develop a third Local Transport Plan for Halton, monitor progress against the Council's transport goals and submit reports to ensure progress is maintained.

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Executive Board approval for LTP3 strategy consultation document September 2010 .	×	Executive Board approval gained 14-10-10.
Progress report on LTP 2 to Members October 2010.	×	Planned to go to Environment & Urban Renewal PPB 24-11-10
Finalise LTP3 strategy and implementation December 2010.	✓	Planned for 17-12-10
Executive Board approval for LTP3 January 2011.	×	Planned to go to Executive Board 10-2-10.
Submit LTP 3 to DfT. March 2011.	✓	On track.

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HTL 5	Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB) Complex Major Maintenance Scheme – Delivery of the remaining programme of major works identified within the revised SJB Complex Maintenance Strategy to ensure continued unrestricted availability of the SJB crossing and to allow future maintenance to be delivered on a steady state, lifecycle planned basis.

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Review progress, revise SJB maintenance strategy document and deliver 2010/11 works programme to maximise effectiveness of PRN Grant funding availability prior to its expiry March 2011.	V	Works programme ongoing. Projection is to complete all activities for which funding is available through Primary Route Network Grant.
Initiate formal project management principles and satisfy all other conditions attached to DfT approval of SJB Complex Major Maintenance Scheme October 2010.	V	Awaiting Corporate Training action regarding organising PRINCE2 Project Management Practitioner training. This is expected to be completed within Q3
Complete consideration of implications of approval of Mersey Gateway project for funding and delivery of future major bridge maintenance requirements within SJB Complex September 2010 (depending upon the outcome of the Secretary of State's decision).	V	Advance information regarding implications for Silver Jubilee Bridge Complex major maintenance funding requirement (potential £7.5m reduction) has been provided to Mersey Gateway team and this has been reported to MG Executive Board
Complete procurement of consultancy services framework to ensure continued availability of specialist support beyond expiry of existing framework agreement March 2011 .	✓	Procurement Centre of Excellence has taken lead on investigating options for future procurement of consultant support. Preference is to investigate suitability of developing NW Construction Hub framework. This would involve pursuing 6 month extension of current arrangements.

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Ref	Objective
HTL 6	Improving the quality and accessibility of public transport services in Halton to encourage the use of sustainable transport and increase its accessibility by vulnerable group

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Complete Mersey Gateway sustainable transport strategy document. April 2010	✓	The Mersey Gateway Sustainable Transport Strategy (MGSTS) was agreed and published in February 2009. The MGSTS sets out how the Project can both facilitate and encourage sustainable transport in the Borough, and both provides for, and enables sustainable interventions and initiatives to be developed and implemented. Although the actual document is complete, the overall policy implications are on hold until after the Spending Review in autumn 2010. This is due to the MGSTS being reliant on the Mersey Gateway Project being approved as the Mersey Gateway Project provides some of the funding.
Improvements to local rail station car park. March 2011.	✓	Improved car parking, access and safety & security improvements at Widnes railway station now have design approval and work is scheduled to commence during Quarter 3, once 'Station Change' has been agreed between Network Rail and the train operating company, Northern Rail. Amended proposals to Hough Green station car park to provide 48 marked spaces and improved access have also been submitted to Network Rail / Northern for approval. This is a reduced scheme following the in-year budget cuts to the integrated transport programme.

Appendix 2: Progress Against 'other' objectives / milestones

Ref	Objective
	There are presently no objectives / milestones of this type identified for the service.

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
Fair Acces	SS						
HTL LI6	No. of passengers on community based accessible transport	241,810	255,000	122,027	✓	N/A	Passenger number figures for quarter 2 at a good level, target figure therefore looking to be achieved. The figure represents the total number of passengers carried both on HBC Fleet Transport and Halton Community Transport services.
<u>NI 167</u>	Congestion during morning peak times	N/A Externally Monitored	N/A Externally Monitored	N/A Externally Monitored	?	N/A	Congestion during morning peak times – monitoring only is required using Department for Transport data.
<u>NI 175</u>	To increase the percentage of households who live in the top five most deprived wards in the Borough, who do not have access to a car living within 40 minutes travel time to:						
	a) Whiston Hospital b) Warrington Hospital	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	✓	N/A N/A	The figures for a) and b) were achieved during the previous year and have been maintained this during this year due to funding being secured.

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Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
	c) Riverside College (Runcorn Campus) d) Riverside College (Widnes Campus)	93% 98%	90% 95%	93% 98%	✓	N/A N/A	The figures for c) and d) were achieved during the previous year and have been maintained.
<u>NI 176</u>	Percentage of people of working age living within a catchment area of a location with more than 500 jobs by public transport and/or walking	-	100%	100%	?	N/A	This figure is provided directly from the Central Data Hub at the Department for Transport.
<u>NI 177</u>	Number of local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area in one year	6,219,683	6,130,000	1,545,237	✓	Î	Target figure expected to be achieved

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
Service De	elivery						
HTL LI10	No. of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions. (5 Year Av.)	54.2	50.6 (2010)	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.
HTL LI11	No. of children (<16) killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions. (5 year Av.)	8.6	8.2 (2010)	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.
HTL LI12	No. of people slightly injured in road traffic collisions.	374	430 (2010)	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.
HTL LI15 Ex BVPI 224b	Condition of Unclassified Roads (% of network where structural maintenance should be considered).	11	9	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.
<u>NI 47</u>	Percentage change in number of people killed or seriously injured during the calendar year compared to the previous year. Figures are based on a 3 year rolling average, up to the current year.	5.9%	-10.4% (2010)	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
NI 48	The percentage change in number of children killed or seriously injured during the calendar year compared to the previous year. Figures are based on a 3 year rolling average, up to the current year.	0%	0.0% (2010)	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.
NI 168	Percentage of principal road network where structural maintenance should be considered.	1	2	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.
NI 169	Non principal roads where maintenance should be considered.	3	4	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.

Appendix 3: Progress Against 'key' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
<u>NI 178</u>	Bus service punctuality, Part 1: The proportion of non frequent scheduled services on time (%): a) Percentage of buses starting on time	89.84%	97.6%	98.46%	✓	1	Q2 figure is performing above the target for 2010/11. It is anticipated that this level will remain for the remainder of the year. Operators have made slight changes to operating schedules to allow recovery time at the terminus.
	b) Percentage of buses on time at intermediate timing points	83.37%	85%	80.42%	?	1	Considerable levels of roadworks were taking place within this period. For example Runcorn High Street closed and a diversion sending traffic from the Expressway on to the Bridge. The exit from the Bridge to Runcorn Town Centre was also reduced to one Lane. The operators have also indicated that roadworks in Liverpool are having a knock on effect on services in the Borough.
	Part 2: For frequent services, the excess waiting time (minutes)	0.07	1.05	1.54	x	1	This target is affected by delays to services caused by the levels of road works along routes and also the diversions created.

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
NI 189	Flood and coastal erosion risk management (% of agreed actions to implement long term flood and coastal erosion risk management plans that are being undertaken satisfactorily)	100%	100%	Refer to comment		N/A	Progress against the agreed actions from the Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan (CFRMP) and Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) is ongoing. Strategic Flood Risk Management plan2 is close to completion. Work on a Surface Water Management Plan is underway. Use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) drainage techniques is embedded within the planning process.

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
<u>NI 198</u>	Children travelling to school – mode of transport usually used (%).						
	a) Children aged 5 – 10 years:						
	Cars	41.3%	43.5%	Refer to	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on
	Car share	3.5%	2.5%	comment			quarterly basis.
	Public transport	2.3%	2.2%				
	Walking	52.4%	51.2%				
	Cycling	0.4%	0.5%				
	Other	0.1%	0.1%				
	b) Children aged 11 - 15 years						
	Cars	25.4%	27.8%	Refer to	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on
	Car share	2.4%	2.6%	comment			quarterly basis.
	Public transport	21.3%	18.9%				
	Walking	48.9%	48.8%				
	Cycling	1.7%	0.9%				
	Other	0.3%	1.0%				

Appendix 4: Progress Against 'other' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
Cost & E	fficiency						
HTL LI1	Number of third party compensation claims received due to alleged highway / footway defects	131	110	81	?	1	Projected total claims received for year likely to exceed target. It should be noted however that numbers of successful claims show a downward trend.
HTL LI2	Increase MOT test facility turnover by 3% per annum (£)	182,20 9	181,69 2 (+3%)	114,056	✓	1	Target exceeded for the half year.
Fair Acce	ess						
HTL LI3	% of pedestrian crossings with facilities for disabled people (Previously BVPI 165)	70	70	70.6%	✓	1	No programme to bring existing sites up to standard. Any new installations to be compliant
HTL LI5	% of footpaths and Rights of Way that are easy to use.	85 (Provisi onal)	87	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	The survey of Rights of Way will be undertaken during Quarter 3.
HTL LI7	% of bus stops with Quality Corridor accessibility features. (No. of stops – 603)	46	47	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Q2 figure not available as indicator was reported annually. Bus stop locations identified and surveyed, further progress to take place during quarter 3.

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
Service D	Delivery						
HTL LI13	Average number of days taken to repair street lighting fault: non DNO (Street lights controlled by the authority). (Previously BVPI 215a).	5	5	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis. New Term Maintenance Contractor about to be appointed
HTL LI14	Average number of days taken to repair street lighting fault: DNO (Street lights controlled by the energy provider). (Previously BVPI 215b)	20	30	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis. The performance on this indicator can be affected by other demands on the DNO resources, such as adverse weather conditions
HTL LI17	Damage to roads and pavements (% dangerous damage repaired within 24 hours)	98.81	98	98.4%	✓	\Leftrightarrow	Currently on target.

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
HTL LI19a	No of sites with new bus shelters	70	75	70	N/A	N/A	No quarter 2 2009/10 figure to compare against so direction of travel be N/A. This indicator used to be reported on annually Bus stop locations have been identified and surveyed. A request for quotes has been posted through the procurement process for shelters. Further progress to take place during quarter 3 once the RFQs are returned.
HTL LI19b	No of sites with replacement bus shelters	75	72	75	N/A	N/A	No quarter 2 2009/10 figure to compare against so direction of travel be N/A. Target achieved, bus stop locations identified with installation to commence during quarter 3.
HTL LI20	Percentage of schools with School Travel Plans in place	100%	100%	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual figure. Data not available on quarterly basis.
HTL LI21	Percentage of employers (> 100 employees) with Green Travel Plans in place.	60%	63%	62%	✓	1	Green Travel Plans are currently being developed, further progress will be achieved during quarter 3.

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
HTL LI22	Proportion of LGV's that pass the annual MOT test first time.		90%	100%	✓	1	Target exceeded due to enhanced preventative maintenance procedures

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Revenue Budget as at 30th September 2010

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	4,032	2,096	2,038	58	2,038
Other Premises	254	149	135	14	146
Hired & Contracted	347	134	134	0	160
Services				_	
Supplies &	362	183	164	19	210
Services					
Street Lighting	1,873	690	651	39	712
Highways	2,295	870	851	19	1,886
Maintenance					·
Bridges	130	50	30	20	117
Eastern Relief	219	40	29	11	149
Road (met by					
grant)					
Fleet Transport	2,126	1,067	1,154	(87)	1,154
Bus Support –	160	80	129	(49)	129
Halton Hopper					
Tickets					
Bus Support –	41	21	0	21	0
Rural Bus Subsidy					
					416
	51	26	22	4	22
	400	0.0	0.5		0.5
					85
					180
	122	122	122	0	122
	450	00	00	0	00
	150	62	62	0	62
	50	20	21	(2)	21
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Total Expenditure	13,039	0,328	0,233	95	7,019
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Bus Support Out of Borough Transport Other Transport Finance Charges Grants to Voluntary Organisations Contribution to Externally Funded Projects NRA Levy Total Expenditure	858 51 192 368 122 150 59 13,639	429 26 96 184 122 62 29 6,328	416 22 85 180 122 62 31 6,233	13 4 11 4 0 0 (2) 95	1 1

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Income					
Sales	-206	-92	-198	106	-198
Fees & Charges	-429	-169	-205	36	-205
Rents	-14	-7	-7	0	-7
Grants &	-422	-187	-193	6	-193
Reimbursements				· ·	.00
Recharge to	-661	0	-1	1	-1
Capital	001	Ğ	•		
	-1,732	-455	-604	149	-604
Total Income	, -				
	11,907	5,873	5,629	244	7,015
Net Controllable	11,001	0,010	0,020		1,010
Expenditure					
-					
Recharges					
Premises Support	278	12	15	(3)	15
Use of Transport	294	151	152	(1)	152
Asset Charges	5,215	78	78	0	78
Support Service	-2,229	-762	-771	9	-771
Income	2,220	. 02		ŭ	
Transport	-2,618	-1,309	-1,333	24	-1,333
Recharges	_,0:0	,,,,,,	,,,,,,		,,,,,,
Central Support	0	0	0	0	0
Services					
Net Total	940	-1,830	-1,859	29	-1,859
Recharges		•	-		
Net Departmental	12,847	4,043	3,770	273	5,156
Total					

Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms revenue spending at the end of quarter 2 is below budget profile. This is due to a number of expenditure budget areas. Staffing is below budget to date due to vacancies, particularly in the Highway Development section.

With regards to works budgets – Street Lighting, Highways Maintenance, Bridges and Eastern Relief Road these budgets usually incur expenditure towards the end of the financial year due to the nature of the work undertaken. As a result these budgets will be spent by the financial year-end.

With regards to Fleet Transport & Bus Support – Halton Hopper, the overspends are offset by the increase in sales and fees & charges income.

With regards to income, fees and charges is above budget to date as a result of more defects spotted than anticipated and prolonged occupation of highways by utilities. Grants and reimbursements is above budget to date due to supervision of private sector development. This income is ad hoc and therefore difficult to estimate. Last quarter this was below the budgeted target.

At this stage it is anticipated that overall spend will be in line with the Departmental budget by the financial year-end.

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Capital Projects as at 30th September 2010

	2010/11 Capital Allocation	Allocation To Date	Actual Spend To Date	Allocation Remaining
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Local Transport Plan				
Bridges & Highway Maintenance				
Bridge Assessment, Strengthening & Maintenance	6,905	1,804	2,227	4,678
Road Maintenance	1,690	686	418	1,272
Total Bridge & Highway Maintenance	8,595	2,490	2,645	5,950
Integrated Transport	1,325	100	70	1,255
Total Local Transport Plan	9,920	2,590	2,715	7,205
Halton Borough Council				
Flood Defence	100	0	0	100
Street lighting – Structural Maintenance	200	200	145	55
Bringing Roads to Adopted Standard	100	25	0	100
Salt Barn at Lowerhouse Lane Depot/CCTV	120	0	0	120
Fleet Replacements	550 1,070	0 225	0 145	550 925
Total Halton Borough Council	,- 0		_	- ,

Section 106/External Funded Work Royal Avenue Car Parking Widnes Station Access Improvements & Car Park Extension Upton Rocks Distributor Road B&Q Site – Public Transport Asda Runcorn A56/Eastern Expressway Improvements	19	9	0	19
	164	0	0	164
	168	84	97	71
	51	26	0	51
	175	0	0	175
	50	40	44	6
Total Section 106/External Funded Work	627	159	141	486

Comments on the above figures:

The LTP allocation for financial year 10/11 was £8,937k but £1,863k of unspent grant was carried forward from 09/10. The LTP allocation has recently been cut by £880k the above figures reflect this.

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LSP, External or Grant Funded Items as at 30th September 2010

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance To Date (overspend) £'000	Actual Including Committed Items £'000
Accessible Transport Neighbourhood Travel Team	26 55	13 28	13 0	0 28	13
Total Local Strategic Partnerships Funding	81	41	13	28	15

Appendix 6 Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner: **Progress** Objective Performance Indicator Green Indicates that the objective Indicates that the annual target is is on course to be on course to be achieved. achieved within the appropriate timeframe. **Amber** Indicates that it Indicates that it is uncertain or too is ? early to say at this stage whether uncertain or too early to the annual target is on course to say at this stage, whether be achieved. the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe. Red Indicates that it is highly Indicates that the target will not × likely or certain that the be achieved unless there is an intervention or remedial action obiective will not be achieved within taken. the appropriate timeframe. **Direction of Travel Indicator** Where possible performance measures will also identify a direction of travel using the following convention Green Indicates that performance is better as compared to the same period last year. Amber Indicates that performance is the same as compared to the same period last year. Red Indicates that performance is worse as compared to the same period last year. N/A Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same

period last year.