

# Appendix C

## Briefing Note

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### **BACKGROUND**

In my previous briefing note to you dated March 2012, I reported on the background of the Building Control service which had, at that time, led to a projected £75k trading account deficit for 2011/12 and projected cumulative trading deficit totalling £292.6k at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

It was therefore felt that the time was right to consider alternative options for delivering a much smaller building control operation in partnership with other parties. The options outlined were as follows:

- Partnership with South Lakeland District Council
- Partnership with Capital/Urban Vision (Salford City Council)
- A joint venture with the two options above
- Complete outsourcing to a local private sector operator

Whilst exploratory discussions have been held with some of the parties, no conclusions have yet been reached.

### **CURRENT POSITION**

Discussions with South Lakeland District Council have revealed that they too are considering a shared service with Capital/Urban Vision and officers are awaiting the opportunity to have further talks with South Lakeland DC about their timetable.

The business position for the Council's current operation has stabilised, with fee income slightly increased at this point in the financial year, compared to the same point last year.

Service managers are currently diverted on other tasks but hope to re-engage with this issue later in the year.