

**Minutes of the PRG meeting held on 18 March 2008 at  
HM Treasury**

**Present**

Gordon McKechnie (Chair)  
 Danny Daniels  
 Miranda Lingard  
 David Locke  
 Kate Cohen  
 Simon Oliver

Jon Yates (CLG)  
 Ray Morgan (Woking)

John Garrity (CLG)  
 Christine Addison (Leeds)

David Green (CLG)  
 Gloucester Representative

Howel Jones (PUK support)  
 Phil Batchelor (Secretary)

Matt Cook (Defra)  
 Amar Qureshi (Defra)  
 Geoff Birkett (BDR)  
 Susan Upton (BDR)

Colin Goodwillie (DfT)  
 Jens Reinke (DfT)  
 Tim Baker (Harrow)

**Apologies**

Peter Livesey  
 Nick Joyce

**1. Approved Projects**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Authority</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Communities and Local Government	Woking	Housing	The PRG approved £44 million of PFI credits.
Communities and Local Government	Leeds	Housing	The PRG approved £95.3 million of PFI credits but will write to CLG and Leeds Council concerning breaches of procedure. The project is also reminded of the Treasury's policy position on Preferred Bidder Debt Funding Competitions as set out in guidance.
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham	Waste	The PRG approved £74.4 million of PFI credits. The project is encouraged to consider their plans in the event that only one of the facilities is granted planning permission.

## 2. Conditionally Approved Projects

Department	Authority	Project	Comments
Communities and Local Government	Gloucester	Fire	<p>The PRG approved £40 million of PFI credits subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The timetable must be reviewed to ensure that key decisions can be taken by the council's appropriate bodies at the appropriate stage.</li><li>2. The project must convince PRG that security risk is being treated appropriately.</li></ol>

## 3. Projects Not Approved

Department	Authority	Project	Comments
Transport	Harrow	Street Lighting	<p>The PRG did not believe that the project was sufficiently mature to go to market and did not approve the allocation of PFI credits.</p> <p>In reaching this decision the PRG raised serious concerns about the experience available to the project team, the level of the advisory budget and the preparation of the base cost figures. The PRG would expect these issues to be revisited before the project returns to PRG.</p>