

**Minutes of the PRG meeting held on 20 October 2009 at  
HM Treasury**

**Present**

Charles Lloyd (Chair)  
John Bland  
Kate Cohen  
Miranda Lingard  
Simon Oliver  
Peter Livesey  
Nick Joyce

John Enright (DEFRA)  
Amar Qureshi (DEFRA)  
Robert Overall (Essex CC)  
Peter Kelsbie (Essex CC)

Judith Ijewere (HCA)  
Tanya Gibson (Stoke-on-Trent CC)  
Peter Bates (Stoke-on-Trent CC)

William Hardwick (Secretariat)  
Howel Jones (PUK)  
Paul Illingworth (PUK)

Jo Fox (Attended Pre-meeting)  
James Snook (Attended Pre-meeting)

**Apologies**

David Locke

**1. Approved Projects**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Authority</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Comments</b>
DEFRA	Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Essex Waste Management Partnership PFI	The PRG approved £100.9m of PFI credits

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**2. Rejected Projects**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Authority</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Comments</b>
CLG	Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Extra Care Housing PFI	<p>The PRG rejected the Stoke-on-Trent County Council's application for £123.07 million of PFI credits, requesting that work is done in the following areas before resubmission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project Budget – Confirmation that the project has secured sufficient budget for advisory and other costs for the period to financial close</li> <li>2. Project Team – Demonstration that the project team includes personnel with appropriate commercial and financial skills</li> <li>3. Project specification – Preparation of a clear specification for the project setting out the interaction between extra care units and units for partial or outright sale together with the manner in which the authority will evaluate bidders proposals as a whole and for each element</li> <li>4. Affordability – Evidence that the authority's sensitivity analysis and contingency is robust in current market circumstances</li> </ol>