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## Shiraz Sheikh

**From:** Teresa Bell  
**To:** Gary Rayner  
**Cc:** June Graves; Tandra Forster; David Holling; Shiraz Sheikh; Andy Walker; Bryan Lyttle  
**Subject:** FW: Corporate Board Report for the Priory Hungerford  
**Sent:** Wed 19/05/2010 08:39  
**Attachments:**

Dear Gary  
 Thank you for forwarding your response to June. See below for my comments (in red)  
 thanks  
 Teresa

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**From:** Gary Rayner  
**Sent:** 19 May 2010 06:43  
**To:** June Graves  
**Cc:** Gary Lugg; Tandra Forster; Teresa Bell; David Holling; Shiraz Sheikh; Andy Walker; Bryan Lyttle  
**Subject:** RE: Corporate Board Report for the Priory Hungerford

I'm sure it's not intended to, but the phrase "demands of the planning process" seems to be a bit finger pointy. Does "appropriate requirements of...." sound any better?  
 This is not apportioning blame - simply stating the position - but we can look at the wording again

When mentioning that this provision is a Council priority, is it worth mentioning that high quality planning is also a Council priority?  
 Corporate Board asked for the report to be clear that this development is a key component of the Council's priority to transform adult social care and therefore the ability to achieve major savings for the Council's MTFS.

Relative rankings of Council objectives are not the point. What is relevant here is that we need to work together, with high quality advice and support from Council colleagues

Have we had a break down of how the 500K figure is arrived at? What does it include?  
 Noted - thank you

The report refers to 'pre-planning' and I'm not entirely sure what that means. Is it everything before submitting the planning application or everything before the planning decision.  
 Both

There is also reference to 'pre-construction' which muddies the water a bit and is very different in terms of costs.  
 Noted - thank you

I share the KPMG view of the identified risk that it could compromise the planning process if there is no 'robust governance' put in place. It might be worth identifying at the earliest stage, how that robust governance will be put in place, who provides it and who arbitrates over the question of the applicant's 'poor practice' as identified by KPMG.  
 Noted - thank you

With reference to the KPMG mitigating controls I am more than happy to input to and provide support to the pre application work that is needed for this project, so that shouldn't be a problem. I know that SS&W have expressed a reluctance to engage with us, so this should be a prerequisite of any agreement; I would suggest that joint and individual responsibilities and commitments should be set out in an agreed Planning

Performance Agreement in order to protect the Councils position.

In terms of satisfying the second mitigating control, it might be appropriate if the applicant/team has independent planning advice available to it at key stages in order to help keep the decision making boundaries in place.

Not sure what the issue is here - there has been considerable work to ensure relationships with SS&W are productive - but your comments are noted

Gary

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**From:** June Graves  
**Sent:** 18 May 2010 11:35  
**To:** Andy Walker; David Holling; Shiraz Sheikh; Gary Lugg  
**Cc:** Teresa Bell; Tandra Forster  
**Subject:** RE: Corporate Board Report for the Priory Hungerford  
**Importance:** High

All

Please see attached report which I would really appreciate your comments, amendments and additions as per my original email below.

If you could respond by end of day on Thursday it will allow just enough time to consult with Cllr Mooney and Nick before the deadline for submission which is next Tuesday.

Thanks

June

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**From:** June Graves  
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**Cc:** Teresa Bell; Tandra Forster  
**Subject:** Corporate Board Report for the Priory Hungerford  
**Importance:** High

All

Please find attached an updated report for bound for Corporate Board on 8 June and would really appreciate it if you could read this through and let me have feedback/comments from your particular perspectives.

Andy - I need you/Joseph to specifically look at the financial implications, the section under risk particularly the risk/control table and to provide a form of words that will describe where the funding would come from in the event of needing to enact a payment.

If you could let me have your responses by the end of next week it will allow time for me to take a final version to Cllr Mooney for his approval.

Thanks in anticipation of your help with this.

June

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