

Appendix 3

INITIAL ACTIVITIES BEING CONSIDERED FOR COLLABORATIVE WORKING

Activity 1: Ports/Harbours and Marine Opportunities

This proposal presents five broad areas within the ports/harbours and marine sector where collaboration has the opportunity to bring cashable savings and also to share expertise and resource. Typically responsibility for these lies within a Council's Road Service, often utilising existing bridges/structures teams within each local authority.

Activity 2: Workforce

This business case is to support the sharing of workforce where one roads authority has a capacity or skills shortfall which can be offset by the provision of in house resources from another roads authority. Such arrangements as agreed by a joint committee (the Northern Roads Collaboration Committee) would have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which would apply to each sharing arrangement. Such an arrangement would save the need for formal procurement. The memorandum of understanding would be subject to annual review by the joint Committee. This activity concerns potential sharing of front line workforce but it could equally apply to specialist technical staff functions such as design of structures, site supervision or traffic engineering.

Activity 3: Road Signage

This activity outlines the case for extending the current collaborative arrangements between councils around the design and fabrication of road signs for planned and emergency use, to enhance the viability of the current facilities and provide improved service to participating authorities.

Activity 4: Training

The purpose of this activity is to outline the case for sharing of training requirements and resources. In particular it is looking at the opportunities available in the procurement and delivery of joint training opportunities, potentially as a centre of excellence for training and cross border health and safety collaboration ensuring that a uniform and high level of skill is provided and maintained.