

Strategic Service Projects 2008/2009 April 2008 - March 2009			
	Quarter Three	Quarter Four	Comment
Accommodation Review and Refurbishment	G	G	Project was completed on time and within budget.
Banbury Bankside Development	A	A	Work continues on the Section 106 agreement, CDC now has dealt with all issues relating to our involvement. OCC as partner is continuing to discuss bond arrangements. This may have implications in the current financial climate.
Banbury Canalside	G	A	CMT Emerging Issue Currently the Environment Agency are objecting to the allocation of Canalside as one of the Council's options for growth, on grounds of flood risk. They are not yet satisfied by the "sequential test" examination of alternative development sites and flood risk prepared by the council to help justify likely choices in allocation of land for residential development. This issue needs to be fully resolved through the preparation and adoption of the Local Development Framework. The position is resulting in a revised approach to funding of the Banbury Flood Alleviation Scheme. Gap funding is now likely to come from public and private landowners contributions and additional EA contingency funding, rather than from the Homes and Community Agency (who were linking any contribution to certainty that residential development would be permitted).
Banbury Cultural Quarter	G	G	Joint Working Group set up and progressing, vision, site masterplanning options, integrated Mill and library development and clarification of planning process requirements.
Banbury Pedestrianisation	G	G	Overall project is on target. Tenders to be invited in April
Bicester Town Centre Redevelopment	A	A	Little progress was achieved in March, although TCR are still intending to progress the scheme, as soon as they have completed their review, and have settled on any amendments now required to the design.
Flood Alleviation	A	A	Date for the start of the Compulsory Purchase Order Inquiry has yet to be confirmed
Investors in People	G	G	Returned to full accreditation following external review in January 2009.

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RAF Upper Heyford	G	G	The planning inquiry at RAF Upper Heyford is now concluded. There has been an application for cost by the appellants. Decision due late July 2009. The date has also been set for the 2nd Inquiry (Enforcement & Temporary Consents) as 1st December 2009, again 3/4 weeks are timetabled at this stage, however a lot will depend on the outcome of the 1st Appeal. Forward planning has begun for the 2nd appeal and staffing/financial implications are being discussed with SD PHE.
SW Bicester Development	G	A	CMT Emerging Issue Discussions are ongoing with regard to varying the S106 agreement, in light of the current economic climate. The applicants are preparing a financial appraisal and this will be submitted in due course. CDC and OCC must consider this together to ensure a consistent and sustainable approach is taken. Consultants will need to be jointly appointed to examine the financial case.
Weston Otmoor Eco Town	G	G	Report considered by Executive on 30/3/09. Joint objection to Weston Otmoor eco-town sent to CLG.