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Matthew/Geoff

I worry that MUDFA and the advance works are becoming out of control and we run the risk of being exposed at the TPB.

I discussed this with Geoff last night but I think we need to sit down to go through the issues which include -

- the advance works at the depot and P&R - are these a works order or a change to the contract? On what basis has the cost been calculated? What are the contract terms? Have we inadvertently misled the TPB on previous occasions?

- have the MUDFA commercial issues been resolved? We need a programme for resolution.

- pricing/certainty - there is no cost certainty - we are issuing works orders for various things including wheel cleaning machines how do we know what budget we are working to, overall costs etc. Where is the control?

- invasive species - as we are only spraying in the LOD is this effective? Is it worth doing these works? I think the prices may have been calculated on the wrong areas so that costs may not be correct.

As Miriam requested last night, I'm happy to get involved in the MUDFA issues again - I think we need to take a step back and consider what we are doing here.

There is no-one policing this project as far as I can see - Geoff you are probably too busy to devote enough time to that but we need to be policy, testing and interrogating where we are going - we need to be constantly re-assessing what we are doing to ensure that we maintain best value.

I think the board is becoming suspicious of the way we report to the board - while we need to highlight the good news stories we need to be honest about where there are issues. The report for this month does not do that. I

Matthew I've gone through the report with Geoff - happy to go through it with you but no doubt Geoff will go through my comments with you.

I apologise if this is a bit of a rant - I just need to get my concerns down. If you think this is out of order - sorry.

Trudi