APPENDIX B

Closure of Accounts - Risk Analysis - as at 21 March 2016

Priority	Risk	Details	RAG	Current Actions/ Mitigation	Due Date	Contingency Arrangements	Other Comments
1		Outstanding data files to be processed against control accounts of around £300m		Unit4 consultant appointed to review and help resolve the issues involved. Process outstanding data	Actioned 29/02/2016	Preparations in place to correct any outstanding issues.	Risk remains once files are processed there will still be significant balances to resolve.
7		Payroll service costs misposted to control account ~£100m		files. Agree cut-off point with Serco for LCC finance to take over responsibility for tackling issue. Begin collecting data from Schools regarding miscodings.	Actioned 31/03/2016	Use summary journals to action the changes required.	Prepare journals for whole year from 1 March 2016.
2	Capital - allocation of capital spend (works orders) to assets and asset classes	£60m+ of capital spend (works orders) still to be allocated to assets		Raised with senior finance staff and further training beginning to finance staff to complete this work.	Actioned	Focus on high value assets in Highways and Schools.	
3	Control Account Reconciliations	Reconciliation processes have not yet been fully implemented		Closely monitor progress made by SERCO.		Ensure AP/AR/Payroll control accounts reconciled as a minimum by the end of the financial year.	
	Suspense and holding accounts	Balances not regularly reviewed during the year		Prioritise with SERCO finance staff to ensure balances reviewed for year end	15/04/2016	Clear high value entries and make informed judgements regarding any balance.	
	Trial Balance Report and Statement of Accounts Checks	Existing checks need full review due to new system. Trial balance not yet available to help assess position		Trial Balance report to be finalised for loading into SoA worksheet as a trial run		Manually input data to SoA tables. Focus on internal consistency checks for SoA	

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				Review existing internal	31/03/2016		
				consistency checks.			
6	Mapping of Service	No old year balances held		New year SEA produced	31/03/2016	Map coding via	2015/16 comparisons not
	Expenditure	in Agresso to help ensure		before year end to enable		spreadsheet and	yet usable. Concern that
	Analysis (SEA) from	that there have been no		analytical review		produce SEA on	there may be significant changes that would need
	old year	structural changes to the SEA mapping.					investigating during
		SEA mapping.					closedown.
				Ascertain KPMG's	Actioned		KPMG do not require a fu
				requirements	, louonou		mapping trail from previou
							year.
	Purchase card	Around £3.3m unposted to		Contingency plan already	24/03/2016	Details to be extracted	
	payments not posted	end of February		implemented		and sent to card holders	
						for coding	
		No plans to accrue		Discuss whether this is an	Actioned		Not a particular concern f
		payments after 2/3/16		audit issue with KPMG			KPMG given the value
							involved
						management accounts and met temporarily	
						from General Fund	
8	Duplicate Payments	Work by internal audit has		Duplicate payments to	31/03/2016	Clear high value entries	Existing arrangements
		identified potential duplicate		24/11/15 identified and		and look to clear the low	
		payments. This is likely to		repayment chased with		value items in the new	however, will need to det
		be an area of concern for		suppliers. Continue to run		year.	plans of how this will be
		KPMG.		reports to year end.			avoided in future

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9	Delays in processing journals	The journal upload process has only recently gone live in Agresso and recent journal processing has taken up to a few days to action. Real time journals will be needed during closedown. Need to understand the backlog still with Finance to action		Processing should be quicker once backlog of journals have been processed. Size of databases being increased by SERCO.	Ongoing	Bulk journals to be processed overnight allowing smaller journals to be processed in real time during closedown	Still a concern that the level of journals increases at year end and the length of time it may take to clear the backlog
10	Capital Module	Capital module yet to be used in practice, risk of unforeseen issues		Module has been thoroughly tested. Consultant booked to help resolve any issues 9-11 May		No alternatives available	
age 19		RAG Key:		Serious concern - no guarante Some concern - Needs monito		-	

Some minor residual concern but actions in place to resolve.

Issue resolved - no concerns.

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