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To: All Members of the Transformation of
Highways Services Sub Committee

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Dear Councillor

**TRANSFORMATION OF HIGHWAYS SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 7TH
SEPTEMBER, 2010**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Tuesday, 7th September, 2010 meeting of the Transformation of Highways Services Sub Committee, the following paper that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Transformation of Highways Services: Highways Maintenance Team -
Call in of Decision (Pages 1 - 2)**

The recommendations of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

Yours sincerely

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**CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26 AUGUST 2010 – CALL IN OF THE
Transformation Highways Sub-Committee decision 15 July 2010**

RESOLVED –

(a) That in relation to Ground 1:

‘That because of the value of this Contract, it should be subject to Scrutiny’

The Transformation of Highways Sub-Committee be informed that the Committee offers no advice in respect of this matter, on the grounds that the criteria used to determine whether a matter should be subject to Overview and Scrutiny does not specify a monetary value.

(b) That in relation to Ground 2:

‘That Members have not been given the opportunity to scrutinise other options for the delivery of highway services, for example alliances with other authorities.’

The Portfolio Holders serving on the Transformation of Highways Sub-Committee be requested to open dialogue with immediate effect with this Committee and the Environment and Prosperity Committee, with a view to consulting fully with both committees in relation to their respective interests in this matter, and the sub-committee be advised that the two Overview and Scrutiny committees may wish to be given an opportunity to scrutinise other options for the delivery of highway services, including alliances with other authorities.

Additionally, Cabinet be informed that this Committee believes there are lessons to be learned from inadequacies identified in the consultation arrangements in respect of the transformation of Highway Services and would therefore urge Cabinet to put in place measures to ensure that in future, Overview and Scrutiny committees are given an opportunity to be consulted on all matters that appear within the Forward plan in a timely fashion.

(c) That in respect of Ground 3:

‘The impact on the employment of highways staff by the proposed outsourcing.’

The impact upon existing staff, both Cheshire East Council and Bam Nuttall, be considered as a very important aspect of any dialogue entered into and accordingly, should the transfer of highways services proceed, this Council should apply TUPE regulations in an exemplary manner.

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