Responses Received per Scrutiny Query of 15th Feb 2010 - Grants PCC chosen not to apply for this year & why?

Directorate	Funder	Initiative	Potential Grant	Cost to PCC	Response from Directorate
			£m	£m	
Development	European Community	Interreg Cycling Project	0.1	0.24	Considered to be too high risk for PCC therefore, despite initial investigations, we decided not to proceed
Childrens Services	DCSF	Universal Free School Meals	1.5 - 3.0	1.5-3.0	There is a 50% match funding requirement on this grant which needs to be considered by the Schools Forum in March. An Expression of Interest has been submitted in the meantime.
Development	HCA	Increased Housing Stock	not avail		An enquiry came through Development around HCA pot to enable councils to build own Council Houses. It was advised that as we were not a stock holding authority and about to close the HRA after transfer it did not make sense to bid, and neither were the HCA expecting us to do so. We are delivering in the top quartile on affordable housing without having the challenge of setting up and developing a delivery team to build and manage new homes ourselves with many RSL's doing the job well for us.