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Summary: Technical & Development Service, a construction and development consultancy firm, is providing an update to the Committee utility engagement from the perspective of developers.

Introduction

1. Robin Bishop is the Managing Director of Technical & Development Service (TDS) Southern. Mr Bishop is engaging with the Committee to provide an insight into development needs and processes as well as the current level of engagement with the utilities sector.

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2. TDS provides consultancy support to the construction sector using experience as practicing developers. This work includes engaging with the utility sector on behalf of developers to assess market competition, fair pricing and project feasibility.
3. Key areas of work include:
 - Section 38 highways adoptions
 - Section 104 sewer adoptions
 - Public open spaces adoptions and transfers
 - Utility applications
 - Contesting utility costs
 - Land investigation
 - Project management

In addition to supporting the development sector, TDS has worked with the government on numerous issues:

- The Water Act 2003 (and related guidance)
- OFGEM Electricity Connection steering group

- The All Part Parliamentary Group for Water
 - Planning Policy Statement 25
 - The Steering Group for the transfer of Private Sewers
 - The Steering Group for PPG3
 - Highway Authority Policies (in partnership with the DfT).
4. TDS offers services to support developers at the planning stage, including pre purchase assessments and a topographical survey of sites that can form a basis for design and support review of potential problems and design solutions. The survey can encompass a utility trace which uses a combination of utility record plans and on site Electromagnetic / Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) detection to provide a comprehensive multi-utility drawing.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to note the presentation and information provided by Technical & Development Services.

The Committee may require further information be provided by relevant KCC departments and it may request further information from TDS.

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Appendices:

TDS Water update – Summer Newsletter 2016

Background Information:

TDS website - <http://www.t-d-s.com/>