
From: Dave Anderson
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Subject: RE: Tram - Lawyers

Nick Thanks This seems an entirely sensible and reasonable proposal. Give the current status of the project and the amounts at stake in the event of termination, we need to ensure thorough due diligence in protecting the Council's interests. The commissioning of a fresh, third party, legal perspective is in my view essential. Regards. Dave

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From: Nick Smith
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Donald/Dave

After meeting with a couple of firms we think that Shepherd and Wedderburn will be best placed to advise the Council in relation to the possible contract termination or a variation on this theme. Their quote, which is based on some assumptions, is £12,500, which is roughly 50% of the other quote we got. Note that the scope will inevitably expand from this as matters progress and we should probably budget around £20,000 for this work. In addition, we will have Counsel's fees on top.

However, given the importance of the decision, the cost is subordinate to the fact that Shepherds appear to have the knowledge and skill required and will also bringing entirely fresh and un-conflicted views to the table.

I understand this has been discussed with Alastair so I'll go ahead and instruct the lawyers to get them up to speed.

Kind regards

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Please note that I am not in the office on a Monday

