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**From:** Jenny Dawe  
**Sent:** 09 April 2010 17:09  
**To:** Gary Turner; Tom Aitchison  
**Subject:** FW: Tram Briefing note

Just to let you see my response to Andrew Burns.

Jenny

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**From:** Jenny Dawe  
**Sent:** 09 April 2010 17:08  
**To:** Andrew Burns; Gordon Mackenzie  
**Cc:** Ian Perry  
**Subject:** RE: Tram Briefing note

Hi Andrew,

The briefing was in (somewhat belated) response to the commitment I gave at the last Full Council Meeting, in response to Cllr C's question, to provide a briefing that attempted to draw the strands together but not in any way compromise *tie's* negotiating position. It's possible you were not in the Chamber at that time; but other councillors were certainly expecting it. It has been a bit of a nightmare pulling together the few facts that *tie*, legal, financial etc would actually allow to be committed to paper.

We heard about Cardownie's squeals about legal challenges a few hours ago from CorpComms. *tie*, as you will know, is in constant touch with the Information Commissioner. *tie's* advice on what can/cannot be published is rooted in that interaction, as well as their own commercial/legal sensitivities surrounding the disputes.

Not sure what you mean by the timing of the briefing note? It was always going to lead to the reaction it has generated from the anti-tram brigade. No time would ever have been ideal.

Cheers,

Jenny

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**From:** Andrew Burns  
**Sent:** 09 April 2010 16:15  
**To:** Jenny Dawe; Gordon Mackenzie  
**Cc:** Ian Perry  
**Subject:** Tram Briefing note  
**Importance:** High

Jenny / Gordon

As you'll know, we received a 'Tram Briefing Note' this lunchtime ...

... I know you're perfectly at liberty to ignore us, but we had no idea this was in preparation and/or about to be dispatched; and now Cardownie is telling any journalist who will listen that the whole thing is nothing but a whitewash and is grumbling about legal challenges to force TIE to release further figures etc.

I strongly suspect the press will treat the whole issue with their usual panache tomorrow! And to say the timing of the release of this briefing note is far from ideal would be somewhat of an understatement.

I'm not looking for any response, but do feel I need to relay our huge frustration at the unnecessary and self-inflicted nature of this episode.

Andrew

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