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**To:** Tom Aitchison  
**Cc:** Tom Buchanan; Dave Anderson; Donald McGougan; Isabell Reid  
**Subject:** RE: TRAMS : BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS

Yes, I'm happy with the process suggested.

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#### **TRAMS : BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS**

You have seen the e-mail yesterday from Gordon Drummond and some subsequent internal messages.

At the meeting today of the Tram IPG we discussed the issues raised by Gordon. Marshall Poulton advised that at the recent TOG meeting there was a very strong view that buses should return to Princes Street in November. Retailers are reporting poor sales performance and are clearly worried about the Christmas period. I think we should listen very carefully to what the retailers are saying and be prepared to meet their request.

As you will have seen from Mandy Haeburn-Little's e-mail there are four specific areas which Gordon Drummond and colleagues wish to discuss with us. Most of these have financial implications.

What I think needs to happen is this:

- Dave Anderson will meet with Gordon Drummond and will attend the next TOG;
- we need to discuss internally what our view is on the buses returning to Princes Street in November and the four points raised by Gordon; and
- we should then convene one of our city centre stakeholder "summits", probably in the second half of September. If all this goes well we could have some positive announcement to make then.

Could we confirm over the next few days if you are happy to proceed along these lines? If so, we can then start to look at dates, etc.

Best wishes.

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