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Tom I went over the papers for the Tram IPG with Andy Conway this morning. Tie are signalling that they may not be able to provide a revised programme cost in time to allow a report to go to the Council meeting on August 20th. I do not believe this is acceptable.

We have been promised a revised programme and budget since last November and the further this drifts the more concerned I get.

I can understand the logic of the argument that they do not wish to commit to a sum, nor an end date because it provides a target for the contractors to aim for. However, I believe we have to give Councillors a best case / base case/ worst case outturn estimate with an appropriate risk percentage attached to each estimate. Can we please discuss this at tomorrow's meeting?

Good work has also done since the last Tram IPG on the tram works mitigation measures. These are being costed at present. Our estimate is that the management of the the mound, city dressing and provision of information leaflets will cost up to £100k. I have identified £25k within our budget from the economic resilience plan; £25k may need to be found from elsewhere in the Council's budget and from partners e.g. Essential Edinburgh. However, I think we should signal to tie that we'll be looking for up to £50k from them. Given the savings that they will have achieved from working through the proposed embargo this is a modest ask.

Finally, we have not yet developed detailed proposals to make use of Princes Street for the Winter Festivals. We'll need to get a clear view, from tie, of what parts of the street will be available and by when. Again, it would be worth a brief discussion tomorrow to agree next steps on this. Best regards. Dave

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