
From: Stan Cunningham
Sent: 08 May 2008 16:33
To: Gill Lindsay; Rebecca Andrew
Cc: Lesley Birrell; Lesley Arbuckle
Subject: FW: Report to Policy and Strategy Committee

Importance: High

Gill/Rebecca,

The P & S Committee meets at 10.00am on Tuesday. Your current plan means that the report will have to be tabled and it may be the first time that many of the members are aware of this matter. This is not satisfactory. If the report is available earlier we should be trying to get it to the members as early as possible in order to let them read it, understand it and take a decision. I also need early sight of the report to get my head round any procedural issues.

I understand the need for media management but giving out the report this late courts criticism of its own although this might be mitigated by thorough briefing of all groups.

May I suggest that the report is put out to the members on Monday afternoon at the latest. We here can email it to them. I don't see there being any harm in uploading it to CPOL on Monday pm either but this could be done on Tuesday.

Please get the signed paper copy and the final e-version of the report as quickly as possible to either Lesley Arbuckle tomorrow or Lesley Birrell on Monday.

Finally, I've copied this view to Jim Inch for ease of communications.

Thanks
Stan Cunningham

From: John Sturt
Sent: 08 May 2008 15:48
To: Stan Cunningham
Subject: FW: Report to Policy and Strategy Committee

Over to you please.

John

From: Gill Lindsay
Sent: 08 May 2008 15:44
To: John Sturt
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John

Re Tram project, Rebecca is co coordinating the Report.
Can you please secure the release as planned below ie not before Tuesday am in print or electronically.

Thanks
Gill

From: Rebecca Andrew
Sent: 08 May 2008 15:23
To: Gill Lindsay
Subject: RE: Report to Policy and Strategy Committee

Gill,

Thanks for your comments. I'll await Graeme's paper before updating the report.

Donald, Leanne and I met this afternoon regarding the comms programme. There will be briefings for key elected members on Mondays from Donald and Tom, and the Evening News will be briefed on Monday afternoon.

At the moment the plan is to issue the report to Councillors and online on Tuesday morning. Can you liaise with John Sturt to ensure that his staff do not release papers any sooner than planned?

Thanks

Rebecca

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From: Gill Lindsay
Sent: 07 May 2008 19:00
To: Rebecca Andrew; 'Graeme Bissett'; Duncan Fraser
Subject: RE: Report to Policy and Strategy Committee

Rebecca

Thank you. Agree tone and content. Agree with Graeme that if there is a "value" we should be stating it and also the impact on all other issues including the risk contingency. My judgement is we also state it is regrettable, has been negotiated robustly and other alternatives considered and discounted. This is controversial however, it is important to signal in some way that this has not been treated lightly or in any way automatic. Do we require to refer at all to impact on viability of 1 b. If CAF is becoming part of consortium at financial close we could update on that. Also consequent contract documentation ie guarantee should be referred to as part of contract suite.

My advice is that circulation awaits receipt of DLA view on some robustness on procurement, which is an essential in legal chain.

Appropriate forum re Committee choice was discussed today with Council Secretary and Jim Inch. This will likely lead to discussion with Tom.

Graeme, picking up on our topic of Operating Agreement, as you know this was signed previously, Tie changes accommodated and included in Council approval in May. Though no figure is contained in this document it does permit/require Tie to enter into contracts which is now analogous with funding issue and consideration of approvals. To move forward, are you happy for me to insert a rider that the operative date requires to await sign of from Chief Exec in accordance with Member approval. This may support Tie positioning. Let me know.

Gill

From: Rebecca Andrew
Sent: 07 May 2008 17:14

To: 'Graeme Bissett'; Duncan Fraser; Gill Lindsay
Subject: Report to Policy and Strategy Committee

Duncan/Graeme/Gill,

Please see attached draft report. This is a very early version and Duncan and I will be working on it tomorrow morning, but early comments on tone and content would be very helpful.

Rebecca

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