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As you know we have recently tried to clarify the governance arrangements for the tram project by producing a flow chart.

One of the main concerns which has come from this has been that we understand that TPB is a committee of TEL. As TEL has, to our knowledge, not been authorised or empowered to do anything in relation to the Project by the Council as yet, it is clearly difficult to see how TPB can presently have any functional role. We appreciate that this may not be consistent with practice to date, but absent any further clarification which tie or Council officers can provide, the legal position is as stated.

As far as we are aware, tie is the only body with delegated authority to carry out matters in relation to tram. Accordingly, any approvals or recommendations of documentation prior to 20 December will require to be made by tie alone as no other body is suitably empowered apart from the Council.

Kind regards

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