
From: Stewart McGarrity
Sent: 12 December 2007 14:32
To: Miriam Thorne; Geoff Gilbert
Subject: FW: TS information

I don't mind telling you both that I've faced some fairly stern faces and questions about this one this morning inside tie and amongst senior CEC people as the TS approval of the Grant Letter might now go into January using this as an excuse. The paper we sent them yesterday does not appear to contain any revelations which could not have gone to them last week. Apart from my own embarrassment, which is of little relevance unless it translates into a lower bonus, a promising relationship with Guy Houston from TS now needs mending.

Never mind eh?

Stewart

From: Rebecca Andrew [mailto:Rebecca.Andrew@edinburgh.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 December 2007 09:38
To: Stewart McGarrity; Donald McGougan; Andrew Holmes; Willie Gallagher; Miriam Thorne; Geoff Gilbert; Colin MacKenzie; Gill Lindsay; Alan Coyle
Subject: TS information

For information,

Guy is not happy with the lateness of the information provided.

I will contact him and find out what impact this could have on funding for 07/08 and the advanced payments to Tramco and Infraco.

Stewart - what is your availability over the next few days for an urgent meeting with Guy Houston?

Regards

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Sent: 11 December 2007 23:43
To: Rebecca Andrew; John.Ramsay@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk
Cc: Alan Coyle; Scott.Prentice@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Edinburgh Tram - Information on Cash/Cost of Work Done Profiles and advanced payments

Rebecca

Please forward this message to Stewart:-

Thanks for sending this through, but to be honest we won't be considering it as it has arrived too late to be considered for our IDM (board meeting) at 9am tomorrow.

I was not in the office at all today, so could not consider at such notice and in any case our IDM is at 9am, so there is not much we can do with it when we receive it at 1750 the previous evening.

I'm disappointed that it has taken so long to receive this information (initial look on the blackberry looks fine, but we're handing over £500m, so a quick look on the blackberry is not what is required for taking large investment decisions). We have been working really hard at this end to put a paper to our board requesting that you get the additional funds and which give tie as much

flexibility as they need. In addition, we are in daily dialogue with Audit Scotland to make sure the advance payments happen and are treated in line with what we discussed at our meeting a couple of weeks ago (the information you have provided is fine and we will present to AS, but not before we go to IDM tomorrow).

As primary funder to this scheme by contributing £500m, I really have to question why "commercial confidentiality" means we should only get limited information (irrespective of whether the information provided tonight is adequate or not). Why we cannot be considered trustworthy is beyond us.

The last thing we want is for Scottish Ministers to be seen to be holding this project up, but we need partnership working here.

I will convene another meeting with Stewart and yourself once I know the outcome of the IDM, but IDM will only get partial information, so I doubt they will sign off going to ministers.

Therefore the proximity of the date we will be able sign off additional funding and Financial Close could well be uncomfortable for all parties and could have been avoided.

Regards

Guy Houston
-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Andrew
To: Ramsay J (John)
To: Houston G (Guy)
Cc: Alan Coyle
Cc: Miriam Thorne
Sent: 11 Dec 2007 17:48
Subject: Edinburgh Tram - Information on Cash/Cost of Work Done Profiles and advanced payments

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John/Guy,

Please see attached information provided by tie on the advanced payments. The detailed cash and COWD spreadsheets will follow in a separate email. For reasons of commercial confidentiality, the information provided is summarised, but if you require further analysis, we will be happy to take you through it.

I also include for your information the narrative supplied by tie as part of the Period 9 report to Transport Scotland, as you may it provides further detail on the 2008/09 projections to the year end.

Guy - I understand that you have left the office for the evening. However, I will try and contact you first thing to discuss any concerns you may have prior to your board meeting. Stewart McGarrity has also offered to speak with you, if you think that would be useful.

Kind regards

Rebecca

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