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Sent: 30 January 2008 19:42

To: Graeme Bissett (external contact); Willie Gallagher; Matthew Crosse; Geoff Gilbert

Subject: FW: EDINBURGH TRAM: CONTRACT AND CONSENTS

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Gents

We need to discuss this as of matter of real urgency. **tie's** team has been attempting to negotiate a close on the position on Consents.

tie is at the blackjack table and are playing; not sitting in an ante room considering which deck of cards to use.

kind regards

From: Colin MacKenzie [mailto:Colin.MacKenzie@edinburgh.gov.uk]

Sent: 30 January 2008 15:32

To: Fitchie, Andrew

Cc: Gill Lindsay; Duncan Fraser

Subject: EDINBURGH TRAM: CONTRACT AND CONSENTS

Importance: High

Andrew,

Following today's meeting of the Chief Executive's IPG I am writing to you requesting a discussion on the above matter. This is one of the critical issues still to be resolved to the satisfaction of the Council. It is felt that there would be mutual benefit in Gill, Duncan and myself meeting with you in the next couple of days to reach a common understanding about how the Consents and timing thereof fit in with the SDS and BBS contracts, and the overall risk profile. It is important that your are fully briefed on the Council's position before the negotiations with BBS are concluded. Ideally, the Council wishes this matter to be addressed by all parties and covered appropriately in the Infraco contract, rather than leaving room for uncertainty and dispute during the execution of the contract.

What is your availability on Friday and next Monday?

Kind regards,

Colin MacKenzie
for Council Solicitor

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