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**To:** John.Ramsay@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk  
**Cc:** Duncan Fraser - CEC; Rebecca Andrew; Stewart McGarrity  
**Subject:** RE: Tram Update

John

The ITA was issued on the 19th. The mandatory 10 day cooling off period is a minimum. As my email states the FC date is now 14th April. Briefings to Group Leaders, Members and the Media will follow post FC with the Council Chief Exec deciding on the timing for this.

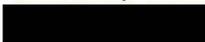
The difficulties faced on the run up to ITA were regarding BBS indemnities and SDS Novation which are now resolved. With regard to future issues I cannot comment other than the completion of most of the contract docs/schedules are hoping to be completed the end of next week, I'm sure you can appreciate the effort required to get these documents finally signed.

In addition to the above I believe Willie's meeting will wider issues beyond financial close.

If you require more than this I suggest you speak to Stewart McGarrity, however, I did check these issues with Stewart before briefing you.

Regards  
Alan

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Alan

Sorry but I was informed that CEC/Tie were signing contracts this Saturday when the 10 day cooling off period expires - are you now advising that this will not happen until 14th April - if so I assume that the ITA letter did not issue on 19th. Also what are the other revised dates for briefing councillors - media etc  
Also it would be helpful to know something more about the run up to FC - what were the difficulties faced and something about how they were overcome and any potential future issues. In other words are you content that your brief covers all the points likely to be made by Willie G? - we don't want the minister not being made aware of anything that we should have covered off before Willie raises it. Can't stress this point enough so suggest that either Duncan and or someone at tie helps you out.

if you're in any doubt give me a call.  
Cheers

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John

Following our conversation this morning please note the recent developments in relation to the project:

As you know the intention to award was made on 19th March. At this point BBS are completing their final due diligence in Germany. It is hoped schedules in the contract documents can be agreed with them next week with Financial Close currently projected to be April 14th.

The final price of the project is £508m, the revised price largely highlighting the premium paid for firm prices which were previously provisional and sums included for remaining SDS design.

Please let me know if you require any further info.

Regards

Alan

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