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Attachments: Tram Project Review - Process Doc v3 (3).xls; Dr Reed 280507.pdf; AS Review - draft

plan 6-07 v3.doc

Colleagues, the attached notes provide:

- 1. An overview of our approach to the Audit Scotland review, supported (FYI) by a detailed work-plan to cover the areas of interest to AS
- 2. A copy of the letter sent to Malcolm Reed to underline our concern about continuing spend in this period of uncertainty.

The AS review is now underway and the note explains how this is being tackled. We will be able to report initial feedback on Tuesday.

The letter to Malcolm explains clearly the implications of a continuing limbo period, which we believe is a very unattractive scenario. You may have seen press and political comment on this matter and we believed it was important to ensure that Transport Scotland were fully aware of the underlying position in support of their advice to Ministers. Our current expenditure on both projects has been curtailed relative to the programme and has been approved by TS.

If anyone wishes to discuss matters prior to Tuesday, please feel free to call.

Regards Graeme	
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