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FYI Alan

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Mark

I managed to speak to Colin tonight about this issue and he intends raising it at tomorrow morning's Tram Mgt Group meeting. Andy raises a very good point about the relationship that has been built up of late, Colin also raised the point that should there be a deferral in undertaking Scottish Water works then they may choose to do the works themselves and recharge us £950k plus 20%.

Colin is meeting Scottish Water on Thursday to discuss, do you want me to delay in setting-up the meeting with the Convener, Vice-Convener and Local Elected Members until after Colin's meeting with Scottish Water?

Marshall

From: Colin Smith [mailto:csmith@hg-group.co.uk]

Sent: 18 June 2012 18:10

To: Andy Conway; Marshall Poulton

Cc: Cliff Hutt; Andrew Easson; Andy Scott (T&T); Rob Leech; Bob McCafferty

Subject: Re: Leith Walk Utilities

Thanks.

Andy your spot on meeting fixed for thursday this week to horse trade on both points.

Regards
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Subject: Leith Walk Utilities

Marshall,

I've discussed, I've spoken to my colleagues in T&T about the potential to defer or delay the Scottish Water works on Leith Walk/Constitution Street.

The initial reaction was that an indefinite deferment would be considered very hostile by Scottish Water, given the commitments given by CEC. There's been a lot of positive work done recently to get them back on side. Should we look to change our approach, it is likely that they would start to delay consents which are needed for the tram until a suitable agreement is made. This, in turn, would delay the tram project and incur significant costs for CEC.

What may be a worthwhile option is to consider is a high level settlement instead. From what I've gleaned so far on the utilities remedial works, I believe that there may be scope to defer much of the works until the tram construction is extended down Leith (we should bear in mind that the existing situation has been like that for a couple of years now). Perhaps there is a middle ground, where we could do only the essential elements and we commit to do the rest at a later stage when the tram works do extend to sunny Leith? — that way we would also be deferring the associated costs.

I suspect that Colin Smith will already be thinking along these lines, which is why I've copied Colin into this email. I haven't had the opportunity to speak to Colin about this (one of the downsides of being at Torphichen Street), so can I suggest that you run your briefing note past Colin to give him the opportunity to comment on it, before its given to Mark/Cllr Hinds? We should try and join up any thinking that is going on.

Regards

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