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**Attachments:** Betterment report.xls

Alasdair,  
The position regarding betterment is set out in the attached spreadsheet.

The summary of the position is as follows;

- (a) Utilities betterment sum received to date £3,823,623, highlighted in green;
- (b) When CEC inherited the position from tie £2,552,599 more was expected, giving £6,376,222 in total, highlighted in amber. However, the bulk of the expected amount related to Scottish Water. When CEC took over the project there were a number of legacy issues uncovered as a result of the work tie had undertaken, leaving Scottish Water assets in a shocking state in some cases. There is a commercial settlement to be agreed with SW by June, it is anticipated that a net settlement figure of £700k to be paid to them. This is included as a cost in the current forecast. Our current betterment forecast therefore only shows £910,415 to go, after excluding the Scottish Water element;
- (c) tie's original position on betterment had been £10,835,494, highlighted in yellow.

Essentially, tie's position was heroic. The figures were aspirational. Given the fact that during the original utilities works there was so much damage done to SUC assets, there was no way the level of betterment tie were originally forecasting would ever have been achieved.

Regards  
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