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Subject: URGENT - TRAM PROJECT SCOPE AND FUNDING
Attachments: May 05 tram funding summary.doc

Colleagues can I get your comments on the attached.

It is vital that we agree the basis on which we are moving the tram project forward since this affects the development of the business case, the approval of the necessary funding, the approach we take to the parliamentary process and the activation of significant implementation activity.

I would like tie to speak with one voice on the approach, so I look forward to your views by noon on Monday 9th. I will then circulate the paper to the Executive and CEC, in advance of the meeting arranged with CEC by Stewart on Wednesday 11th to discuss this area and also in advance of the Tram Steering Group meeting on Thursday 12th, which would be the chance to debate CEC and the Executive's views.

Assuming there is agreement, I would suggest the paper be circulated informally to the tie Board at the earliest opportunity so that any contrary views can be debated before we reach the end of May when we require to submit a revised OBC and formal request for implementation funding.

Note that the appendix is a copy of the argument for more grant money which was included in the paper for the April Tram steering Group meeting. I think this should be sent again to the Executive to give them another chance to reconsider their position. But I won't be holding my breath for any relaxation.

Please feedback your views to Stewart on Monday 9th, I'll discuss with him on Monday evening.

Regards
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