

Edinburgh Tram Network

tie's Ability to Deliver Edinburgh Trams

- tie has assembled good technical team to deliver tram scheme including many people who have learned lessons from other successful and failed schemes in UK and Europe.
- Need to strengthen that team at highest level with people who led successful schemes. Interim tram project director started this week; Transdev (tram operator) appointing new project leader soon to improve input to key project decisions.
- Readiness review currently being carried out by independent team. Will establish where project is strong and where improvements are needed. This will lead to agreed urgent action plan.
- tie need to improve some aspects but biggest barrier to effective delivery is performance of City of Edinburgh Council as client. Clear, effective decision-making process needed to focus on key decisions that will lead to tram success. CEC must take a more active role and devote more senior resource to this investment.
- Creation of Transport Edinburgh Ltd (TEL) as single economic entity to integrate Lothian Bus and Trams is key to success. TEL stating to make a difference but rapid progress to a viable TEL business plan needed.
- Transport Scotland board has set tough conditions on latest grant award to require CEC, tie and TEL to set out credible plans for clearly affordable and deliverable tram system in Edinburgh.

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