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Tom/Jim

I was to come back to you on the issue of timescales prior to the next IPG (which I think is on Wednesday next week).

I attended a meeting on Friday with tie and its advisors to discuss this point and others.

At that meeting it became clear that tie would be highly unlikely to be in a position to submit any request for approval to terminate prior to the December Council meeting largely due to the amount of work that needed to be done to collate and assess the factual position.

I have a great deal of sympathy with that from a legal perspective but I recognise that it will cause political issues.

I am aware that we are due to meet Jenny Dawe and Gordon Mackenzie on Monday afternoon and I thought that it might be helpful if I set out the current status of the legal workstream for your information. Within that there are issues which require considerable commercial and strategic thought. I am happy to talk you through the various points and/or to expand further if that would assist.

I have only sent this email to you at this stage as we should probably discuss first how best to address/communicate the timing concerns. I am also aware that Richard is keen to keep issues regarding timetable to a select few for entirely understandable reasons.

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