Inaccurate

There is no internal feud.

Consistently regarding this project there have been tensions between a need and a desire to put information into the public domain and a need for commercial confidentiality given ongoing discussions with the consortium and indeed the requirements set out in the contract.

Proper reporting also has to take place against a changing position in relation to ongoing contract negotiations and related legal advice.

There is agreement from everyone on the need to report and the generality of the content of the report. Drafting is ongoing to reflect the most up to date position which can be reported to Council. There is nothing frantic or unusual about this process. The Council Leader is determined to place as much information as commercially possible in the public domain.

Tie at this stage are <u>not</u> seeking additional funding and the Council's Director of Finance is not asking for authority to borrow additional funds. There is no need for that to happen in advance of the summer recess. Clarity on cost and programme will only be available once a solution to the dispute with the contractor is achieved.