
From: Alan Coyle
Sent: 11 December 2008 15:10
To: John Jenkins; Andy Conway
Cc: Dave Anderson
Subject: FW: Dave Mackays' comments

Gents

You will see below the enquiry from Cllr Iain White re. tram. Here is my draft response, I'd be grateful for comments toward a joint CDD/Finance response.

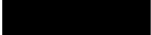
Currently **tie** are engaged with the Infraco contractor on re-programming Phase 1a to address the slow start up of construction and this may impact on costs and risk allowances. This work will continue in the lead up to Christmas and the potential impact on financial headroom will not be known until the New Year.

The contract is fixed price provided no changes are made to scope and programme, but since contract close design changes have been made as have changes to programme which impacts on cost. There is provision within the risk allowance for the impact of design changes but agreement has yet to be reached with the contractor on the full impact of this.

Regarding Picardy Place, there is a provisional sum in the budget of £6.3m. The current design is subject to approval of a road safety audit.


I don't want to mention the Henderson Global issue as the design is not yet on the critical path and discussions are still on going with the developer of St James.

Cheers A

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From: Donald McGougan
Sent: 11 December 2008 11:58
To: Alan Coyle
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Alan
See below - could you provide me with something?
Donna.

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From: Evelyn Mackenzie
Sent: 11 December 2008 11:16
To: Dave Anderson; Donald McGougan
Cc: Donna Rodger; John Jenkins
Subject: FW: Dave Mackays' comments

Tom has asked if you could liaise on an appropriate wording for him to respond to Councillor Whyte on the undernoted issues as soon as possible.

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From: Iain Whyte
Sent: 10 December 2008 18:38
To: Tom Aitchison; Donald McGougan
Cc: Phil Wheeler; Jenny Dawe; Allan Jackson
Subject: Dave Mackays' comments

Tom/Donald,

Below is a post from the Evening News message board on the Dave Mackay story today.

I am concerned at his comments. I know there will be disputes with contractors and I know that Picardy Place design was not absolutely final when the contract was signed but we did sell this project to colleagues (and those of the public we could persuade) as a "fixed price contract".

When will Picardy Place design be complete? We cannot allow this to drag on further and need design decisions and finalised costs that can't be disputed. Do we have a current price?

It is precisely this sort of issue and prevarication that gets the public sector a bad name!

Iain

Cllr Iain Whyte
Conservative Councillor for Inverleith Ward
City of Edinburgh Council
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Phil Wheeler 28th November 2008:

"I'm confident that we are still on budget and that we can deliver it on time - I have no reason to believe otherwise."

David Mackay 10th December 2008:

"We never started with a fixed budget, because the design changes as you go along."

Now one of them is telling porkies, my money is on Phil, well he does have a bit of form when it comes to politico speak.

Either the project is on time and on budget or we never had a fixed budget and time frame for delivering the tramLINE in the first place.

Anyway have Carillion settled their outstanding tax bill yet? Tick Tock Tick Tock...