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Sent: 29 October 2007 10:11
To: Rebecca Andrew
Subject: RE: TPB report & papers Period 7

Hi Rebecca can we have a quick chat about this please.
Thanks
David

From: Rebecca Andrew
Sent: 29 October 2007 09:52
To: Donald McGougan; Andrew Holmes
Cc: Alan Coyle; Andy Conway; Duncan Fraser; Colleen Jennings; David Robertson; Alan Redden; Colin Kennedy; Jim Grieve
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Donald/Andrew,

I note from the minutes of the TPB, that the Council Chief Executive has given a commitment to cease any recharge of CEC staff costs to the tram project from 1st April 2008. TEL have made a similar commitment.

Most recent estimates of Council additional staff costs for 2008/9 are £500k. Over £300k of these costs are required as a direct result of **tie**'s delay to the approvals programme. Had submissions been received as envisaged, additional staff would not have been required beyond March 08. If we cannot recharge **tie** for the costs of these staff, then they need to be contained within existing revenue budgets, or risk delay and additional cost to the project. Given that these staff are involved in carrying out statutory approvals functions, capitalising them may be difficult. In the current budgetary climate, not recharging **tie** represents a significant pressure on City Development budgets (planning and transport). There may also be political difficulties in setting a budget which cuts services and/or increases charges in order to fund tram costs.

The remaining costs are mostly legal and comms costs and are of a Corporate nature. Can you confirm that the Chief Executive has requested that the Director of Corporate Services meet these costs from departmental budgets, if they are not being charged to the project?

Could you please advise how I should take this matter forward, both in terms of the budget process and in discussions with **tie**.

Kind regards,

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