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To: Willie Gallagher
Subject: RE: How's things

The script is set for Tuesday, you've got a copy. We went through all areas on Tuesday last. My concern is that there will be a number of key areas still very much in-process, particularly the commercials (cost mainly) within the Infraco contract. The third party agreements are rolling along and the main risks are programme risk arising from NR (now including the need to get First Scotrail signed up) and the lack of a cost baseline in the FP "agreement".

The main output from next Tuesday's session should be an evaluation of all the key open areas - what it takes to close them, when and then what underlying risks are likely to remain when the papers go to the Council on 13/12. This will also point us to what risks will remain when we get to Close.

I think it would be useful to have Geoff G there on Tuesday.

Stewart's now leading on funding, our detailed response has gone back through CEC to TS. The main commercial issue is the insistence by the TS troops that the grant is offered on a "use it or lose it" basis each year, which is clearly unacceptable in the absence of a large upfront cash working capital facility and / or working capital from CEC, neither of which are presently on the table. This needs escalated soon, Donald has made the point to Bill Reeve and awaits a response. TS troops also indicating they will audit each 4-weekly claim to avoid a penny more than necessary sitting in the Council bank account, also unacceptable as a basis for running an efficient project and just a back-door way of micro-managing.

Andrew called off the lunch on Tuesday morning on the grounds that you wouldn't be there. I make no comment.

How's the gardening ?

Regards
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Are things coming together for Tuesday - "State of the Nation"

Any Progress on Funding and how did lunch with Andrew and Donald go?

Willie

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