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Sent: 13 September 2007 12:32
To: Colin MacKenzie
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From: Colin MacKenzie
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Rebecca,

Thanks for the update.

Would it be possible to see a copy of the brief, just for information ?

I beg to differ with **tie** on the degree of comfort which may be derived from this piece of work. As I understand it the exercise is designed to quantify the risks which have been identified by **tie** and DLA as coming out from the Infraco and Tramco contracts. I would not necessarily expect these parties to be able to quantify the risks, hence the approach to a third party skilled in this area. It is still vital in my view that the Council receives some level of independent assessment/quantification of the risks which have been contracted for by **tie**, although in reality it will be the Council accepting these obligations.

Kind regards,

Colin MacKenzie
for Council Solicitor

From: Rebecca Andrew
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It's a nightmare....

The brief provided by CS is not worth the paper its written on.

I've put another one together and Procurement people are currently advertising it. Meanwhile **tie** are whinging that its not going to give us any more comfort than the exercise agreed at Monday's legal affairs and that it will distract them from their work.

We're pressing ahead with the advert, but it will be at Donald and Andrew's discretion whether to appoint or not when we get the bids back next week.

Rebecca

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Rebecca,

I was asked today by Chris Highcock about this piece of work. Apparently it is regarded by TEL as not worth the money. I explained to Chris that it was an important matter for the Council and supported by Finance, City Development and Legal Services. This is intended to quantify the risks arising from the main contracts. I also suggested to Chris that it was best that he speak with you as any such commission was to be let by Finance, whether it was Cyril Sweett or another company.

Just out of interest, how is the commissioning proceeding ?

Kind regards,

Colin MacKenzie
for Council Solicitor