Revenue outturn variance 2011-12- Tram project

The construction of a tram line from the airport to York Place with an associated budget of £776m was approved by Council in September 2011. As reported to Audit Committee on 26th January 2012 the project remains on course for completion on budget and on time (by summer 2014).

The budget identified for the tram project was exclusively a capital budget but, as the work on the project has progressed, costs of both a capital and revenue nature have been incurred. The overall forecast project spend remains within the identified £776m total but this spend will comprise both capital and revenue expenditure. As the tram project budget cannot be moved from capital to revenue this year's revenue expenditure (£5.155m) shows as an adverse budget variance.

Tram project costs incurred in 2011-12 and categorised as revenue expenditure include:

- tie Ltd voluntary redundancy costs- £2.561m
- program delay costs post mediation (related to the delay in signing the settlement agreement in August/September 2011)- £1.397m
- General project management expenditure- £0.573m
- Costs associated with preparing for tram operations-£0.305m
- Princes Street festive reopening-£0.204m
- Non-core communications costs- £0.115m