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Sent: 06 September 2006 08:57
To: Keith Rimmer
Cc: Lex Harrison
Subject: RE: Re Discussion on 1 September - SDS Payment

Keith

Apologies for the delay but I have been using your hold to achieve some further leverage with SDS which I have now achieved.

Below is my explanation as to why I have recommended payment, in making this recommendation I fully acknowledge Lex's and Duncan's views but feel to keep momentum and motivation on SDS design production we should make this payment.

The certified payment represents 70% of the total value of preliminary design activities, this being the proportion of submitted completed preliminary design information. This represents an on account payment with the balance pending receipt of the remaining preliminary design and final detailed checking. Given the lack of clear definition of design deliverables within the SDS contract our approach is the only reasonable way to assess the amount due. To avoid this in future phases we will seek to negotiate clear definitions for detailed design deliverables into the SDS contract.

On this basis we believe that there is no risk to CEC in making this payment to tie to enable it to meet its contractual commitments. This is particularly so as this payment relates to the preliminary design work completed some two months ago and SDS has in the interim completed further preliminary design work.

Regarding Duncan's specific queries:-

1. Preliminary Design 2 consists purely of the traffic modelling work which is not included in this certificate.
2. The Design Review Panel work, which has now concluded, constituted a high level review of design and not a detailed review.

We trust that this enables CEC to release the funds to tie to enable us to meet our contractual obligations to SDS and maintain a productive working relationship with them.

Regards

Andie


From: Keith Rimmer [<mailto:keith.rimmer@edinburgh.gov.uk>]
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Andie

Further to our discussion last Friday are you in a position to let me have the note we discussed explaining the basis of the certification? Please let me have something today so I can sign it off.

Thanks

Keith

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