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Subject: Edinburgh Trams - draft papers for collective consideration
Attachments: Trams - paper TS to colleagues draft - 16 February 2007.doc; Trams - Annexes A-C - 16 February 2007.doc

Importance: High

Minister for Transport

Following receipt of final information on the draft Final Business Case from tie ltd last week and internal consideration, I attach a draft paper and annexes on the tram scheme for you to send to the Minister for Finance, DFM and FM seeking agreement to the release of £60m for utilities diversions and scheme development up until Financial Close in the Autumn.

I apologise for the urgency with which this needs to be considered following receipt of tie material later than expected. However, in order to maintain timelines the following are key dates:

- 2 March – an announcement on or before this date would allow the purchase of all land for the scheme this financial year through a General Vesting Declaration
- early April – utilities trial works would begin in earnest. However, it should be possible for an off-street initial photo opportunity in late March

In reviewing the draft compared with the version Mr Scott has seen already the following are the key areas that have been changed:

- Paras 13 & 14 of the paper to colleagues has been revised substantially in the light of Infraco bids and revised cost estimates
- Annex A – sections on financial viability & affordability have been substantially revised
- Annex C – now populated with scheme facts and information about proposed bus service alterations

There have been minor updates to other sections of the papers.

I am happy to discuss.

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