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Jerry

Here's yesterday's report - nothing yet for today but I am chasing both Tie and CEC

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Tie's Formal Report:

1. Bilfinger's sub contractor is working along Princes St - trial pits and explorations at key junctions ahead of road planing
2. Tie believe that Bilfinger will start mobilising their heavy plant at Princes Street - particularly their road planer end of this week / beginning of next
3. Tie (Steven Bell) remains in local discussions with Martin Forder (BB's new project chief from Germany) - talks not yet reaching any definitive progress but;
4. The 1st meeting of the Framework Management Group (brokered by Siemens) has been reconvened for next Monday 16 March following last Friday's abortive attempt. BB have not yet confirmed their attendance
5. Key actions in next few weeks expected of Bilfinger are;
 - Mobilisation at Princes St
 - Mobilisation at Depot
 - All Sub / Package contractors fully mobilised across all work sections
6. Should BB fail to turn up yet again for the FMG or the above mobilisation doesn't begin as planned then the status of the dispute will be escalated
7. Last week's DRP Peer Review due to report back before end of this week. Tie acknowledge that they are outstanding a copy of the remit to Transport Scotland

Tie's Informal Report:

1. Prior to Martin Forder's appearance in Edinburgh, BB (?) apparently sent a letter to Tie on 6 March stating that " the Consortium suggests that amending the Infraco contract would enable work to commence on Princes Street....."
2. Tie responded to the effect that "....this proposed solution is not the way forward however the Framework Management Group should be actively supported by both the Consortium and Tie and that would enable work to commence"
3. It appears that Clause 65 of the Infraco contract is at the centre of the dispute with BB

CEC Report:

1. Council getting daily email bulletins from Tie - agreed to provide TS with copies so that we can validate information.
2. Council have had meetings with DLA Piper (in absence of Tie) to validate strength and scale of the dispute
3. Council have also required a series of reports from Tie covering assessments of options; impact on programme and cost; de-scoping etc
4. Also had confirmation that the Council were minded to get an independent report on draft Infracore before Financial Close but didn't do it relying instead on Tie's report on Contract Close!

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