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Sent: 27 February 2007 10:20
To: Damian.Sharp@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk
Cc: Rebecca Andrew; Hugh Dunn
Subject: Fw: Grant offer variation

Importance: High

Damian,

My colleague Rebecca Andrew is currently on Holiday and there are concern regarding the grant award for 2007-8 for £60m for utilities diversions and continuing development and procurement of phase 1A of the Edinburgh Tram Network.

I am afraid I have little knowledge of this project and I would greatly appreciate if you could assist me with the following:

The utilities diversion work is likely to extend into the next financial year 2008-9 (acceleration of this contract is limited due to traffic management impact. Therefore the Council is concerned that they commit themselves to a contract for which funding has not yet been formally awarded. Could you confirm in writing that expenditure incurred in 2008-9 on utilities diversion for 1A can be met from the 2008-9 grant award yet to be announced.

I was also asked to confirm that this grant for April 07 to March 08, cover all work in connection with phase 1a including land acquisition in that year.

Finally in relation to the award for 2006/7 and the planned land acquisition of £10m. For the expenditure to be accrued GVD2 notices need to be issued by the 2 March 2007. The view is that this can only be done until the Ministerial announcement. Could you confirm this will definitely happen tomorrow.

The Council Solicitor would not be prepared to sign GVD2 notices before being satisfied on the term of the Ministerial approval and conditions attached.

Every effort will be made to reach the deadline of 2 March, but should we failed to meet can you confirm that you will agree to slip any unspent grant associated with land acquisition into 2007-8?

Thanks for your help in that matter.

Kind regards

Christine

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----- Original Message -----

From: Rebecca Andrew [mailto:rebecca.andrew@edinburgh.gov.uk]

Sent: 08 February 2007 09:15

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Cc: Stewart McGarrity; Duncan Fraser; Andrew Holmes; Donald McGougan; Geoff Duke; Colin MacKenzie; Alan Squair; Lorna.Davis@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk; Stephen Sladdin

Subject: Re: Grant offer variation

Damian,

Further to yesterday's email Lorna has phoned to say that it is Transport Scotland's expectation that the GVD2s be issued so that expenditure can be set against the current year's grant allocation, irrespective of the timing of the formal DFBC approval from Scottish Ministers.

Could you please confirm this in writing?

Kind regards,

Rebecca

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From: Rebecca Andrew
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Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2007 4:16 PM
Subject: Grant offer variation

Damian,

I refer to grant offer variation letter to Andrew Holmes dated 29th December 2006.

In your letter you increased the grant available to CEC for 2006/7 by £3.9m, which together with slippage elsewhere would cover the cost of advanced land acquisitions.

In order for these land acquisitions to take place (and therefore drawdown around £10m of grant), the Council needs to issue GVD2 notices **at least 28 days** before the year end. Before these notices can be issued the Council requires formal DBFC approval from Scottish Ministers.

I understand that the timetable for DBFC approval (previously assumed to be 14th February) may have slipped. In these circumstances I request that either

- (i) you can provide assurances that formal approval will be received by **23rd February** as the administration required for issuing the large number of GVD2s is considerable; or
- (ii) you will agree to slip any unspent grant associated with land acquisitions into 2007/8.

I also request that you communicate any conditions attached to DBFC approval to CEC at the earliest opportunity, as unexpected conditions could also delay the GVD process.

If you would like to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Rebecca

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