
From: Trudi Craggs
Sent: 20 June 2006 08:11
To: Barry Cross
Cc: Andie Harper
Subject: RE: CEC Sign off

Barry

I don't think Duncan's proposal causes a problem - we just need to make sure that we give them the pre-contract report more than 24 hours before we intend to release the ITN.

That said, as Andie suggested I think we need to discuss how best to engage with the Council going forward. When I met with Duncan last week he was keen to be involved. We can discuss next week when you're back.

Trudi

From: Barry Cross
Sent: Mon 19/06/2006 22:50
To: Trudi Craggs
Cc: Andie Harper
Subject: RE: CEC Sign off

Trudi,

No problem.

In the meantime if Duncan's proposal causes us a problem can you set down what that problem is and a possible alternative. We can then discuss next week.

Thanks,

Barry

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Sent: 19/06/06 15:02
Subject: RE: CEC Sign off

Andie

Thanks for your email.

Duncan has now confirmed:-

"Approval of the ITN documents for Infraco-

A report will be sent to the Council for information only. Delegated powers will be employed to approve the documentation following our agreed protocol including receipt of the pre-tender report."

I have asked him to confirm that the same applies to Tramco, Advance works etc.

That said, I agree with your comments below. Barry can we discuss on your return next week?

Andie happy to discuss in the meantime.

Trudi

From: Andie Harper
Sent: Mon 19/06/2006 08:07
To: Trudi Craggs; David Powell

Cc: Barry Cross
Subject: RE: CEC Sign off

Dear All

We need to bottom this as soon as possible, it will have significant impacts on the programme I am putting to the TEL Board on Monday particularly on ITN dates. What is clear to me is that we need to engage with the council on a more robust basis going forward on procurement issues and this again reinforces the need to build a robust procurement programme which we are confident with and we can robustly share.

Trudi and Barry- may be we need a team teach in on these issues, I am very keen to open the dialogue and engagement with the council even though conscious that such openness will end up in the public domain. Can you consider and offer some sensible proposals in this regard.

Andie

From: Trudi Craggs
Sent: 14 June 2006 16:48
To: David Powell
Cc: Andie Harper; Barry Cross
Subject: CEC Sign off

David

As we discussed earlier this week I am working on a paper which will focus on the sign off requirements. I also met with Duncan Fraser this morning on schedule 13 issues and design issues. As part of that discussion we briefly discussed the Council's aspirations re sign off.

In essence the Council has not seen very much in relation to Infraco (not that there's much to see!). That said they have people on stand-by to review and based on the current programme they are assuming that they will receive documentation very shortly to review. I tried to manage their expectations and hinted that the ItN for Infraco is more likely to be released towards the end of the summer. In the meantime I agreed that we would forward to them copies of the specifications for review. Hopefully this is okay. I know that John Lyall made various comments on the specs and I'm not sure if these have now been addressed. Even if these haven't been dealt with I don't think there is any harm in forwarding the latests drafts to the Council. No doubt you will have your own thoughts on this.

The Council would also welcome weekly sessions as the drafting progresses on the key documents/clauses in the contract. We spoke about this previously and I think the idea was to have sessions with CEC, TEL and TS on key issues like pay mech as matters progressed. Is this still your intention? This would be in addition to any red team review.

Finally we discussed sign off. The 6 week rule still applies for the approval of the contract awards. Duncan seemed to think that before Infraco or Tramco ItN could be released, it would need to go to full council. This was the first I had heard of this and I asked Duncan to speak to Andrew Holmes to clarify. I stressed that full council approval may not be necessary since what was being released was an ItN and not a contract. I indicated that they may need to compromise re sign off timescales. As a minimum they would require a pre contract summary report similar to the one which was done for Tramco. I will chase Duncan next week in this regard.

I will complete my paper which will be my thoughts on how the documents at all stages should be signed off.

Trudi