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From: Colin MacKenzie
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To: Gill Lindsay
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Gill,

Thanks for your message.

In addition to the update at today's IPG I have also received a briefing from Alan Coyle on the meeting with ~~tie~~ last night.

I am pressing for confirmation about the meeting to discuss the updated QRA and will let you know once I have any details.

I fully agree with you on the difficulty regarding dates, and I believe this has now been exacerbated by the news from last night's meeting. Are you attending the LAC meeting on Monday 3 March ?

We do appear to be having difficulties with nailing down the SDS novation and fixing the price and risks flowing from that. All of that, combined with my views expressed to you yesterday, rather confirm my recommendation about the Chief Executive requiring a fresh authority from Council. I remain of the view that if we are in a position to report to Council on 13 March, with sufficient comfort that ~~tie~~ have satisfied Chief Officers, the Contract Award Notice should not be issued until Council has met. On the other hand there may be different scenarios, and we will have to react as appropriate.

One factor that we must have regard to is the position of Transport Scotland. Rebecca was very clear that there is an expectation from TS that Financial Close must take place before 31 March.

As you say, stay in touch and await developments.

Regards,

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for Council Solicitor

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* **From:** Gill Lindsay
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Thanks Colin

Appreciate the update. I was expecting a call from Graeme Bisset last night which became a meeting as discussed this morning at IPG. Essentially matters are unresolved re SDS and novation and other matters are unresolved such as PCG's on which we understood there was agreement. On the positive side I understand Tie are presenting an update to Finance colleagues on Monday on QRA which we are all agreed is an essential in determining whether or not we are within the Business Case. Can you pl arrange to join this meeting and have constant engagement with relevant parties over the period next week. Can you also let me know pl as I would like to join QRA discussion if I can. As discussed this am the difficulty with current dates is that we are likely not to have a settled position (in any way) in time for Report distribution. This would have an impact on negotiating positions, confidence and internal and external PR issues. Can you raise all issues at LAG Monday for awareness and discussion, if possible we can discuss with Andrew following this. If we have the latest QRA by then this will assist in some way.