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Gill Lindsay

From: Gill Lindsay
Sent: 20 March 2008 19:32
To: Jim Inch
Subject: FW: TRAMS

Jim

WG advised today that, confidentially, now that Intention to Award had been lodged, he had discussed matters with Andrew, the Leader and was trying to discuss with Donald. His view is that with the volume of work required up to lodging of notice it will not be practicable for Tie/Consortium to complete the work required to formally close by 31 March. Essential element is for Transport Scotland to release available funding and consideration is being given to how to satisfy short of settlement. I had made a number of provisional arrangements to sign the guarantee if this was not available before Monday including delegating to Colin to sign for the interim period as he was happy to do for an interim period and replacing with a guarantee signed by me at a later date. This plan could still be undertaken but realistically, WG is saying today that the guarantee and formal settlement will not be before I return. Understand that he wishes it to be the Consortium who would make this approach to Tie next week which Tie could accept. I explained the comms issues discussed yesterday at IPG re Members and others and he will liaise with Donald, Andrew and others through next week.

I will keep in contact with the office generally, with Colin and Andrew/Donald by mail and WG will contact me if necessary to update next week on arrangements reached. There are a number of work matters which will be progressed between now and Monday. John and Robert will cover all other issues, including Licensing issues as discussed. Brian Tow and Duncan Ross are in through the period and I have met with both today. A range of staff are working together to clear a backlog of enforcement and planning agreements liaising with City Dev. John is managing.

Thank you for approving the staff issue agreed at 1 to 1 which should all now be actioned. The temp court solicitor will be commencing immediately. Recruitment Interviews will now commence re planning staff.

A response is outstanding to Councillor Aitken re Single Outcome Agreements and this will be completed shortly, essentially advising that at present there will be an officer submission of a standard form and there are 2 opportunities for this to be considered by Council before the Council are bound and, on this basis, I see no issues re legality or governance.

On the review, can you contact me before your own leave if any new or merged Report is finalised next week in order that we can discuss please and plan appropriate discussion with relevant Directors. Appreciate your intention to present to next available P and S Committee after 15 April if this is acceptable.

I am contactable at usual UK and US mobile numbers and Tie will have these also if any real urgency.

I hope you and Susan have a great trip yourselves in April. I will be happy to deal with any matters for you during your leave, please just allocate or leave.

Best wishes

Gill

From: Gill Lindsay
Sent: 20 March 2008 17:16
To: Colin MacKenzie
Subject: TRAMS

Colin

As agreed, I have prepared and sent an authorisation re Tram signing including guarantee and signed both the Tie and Tel operating agreement. Letter from DLA not recvd as of yet but I anticipate receiving later today. Discd matters with WG earlier and, very confidentially, intention that will emerge next week is likely not to be required to sign guarantee until I return, due to volume of work which will need to be undertaken by Tie/Consortium. Please retain

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this for your own information only.

Many thanks

Gill