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Subject:	Re: Tram Governance paper

All

I agree with the principles of what we are trying to do here.

Some key thoughts:

- it is important to line up the decision making flow between the tram project board and the tie board (and vv). It did feel a bit odd and disengaged that the TPB makes as fundamental a decision for the project as the selection of the tramco preferred bidder without the tie Board being involved beforehand (not that its a bad decession!) Willie's proposal of having the tie Board just ahead of the TPB should prevent that and still allow the TPB the executive authority it needs.

- Migrating the tie Board NXDs to sit on the TEL Board is a sound proposal and will both strengthen TEL and prevent the parallel universe developing as we move into implementation - and will particularly help the benefit optimisation workstream.

I support the HSQE committee proposal (but you knew that!) - and whilst the sub committee structure of the TPB is rightly an executive domain it may be of benefit for each of the NXDs to have an alignment with a particular sub although not necessarily attending every time.

- and - supporting Willie's point on son of Earl - we should make sure that as the tie Board we keep our horizons wide enough to encompass any opportunities as they arise. There is just a risk that, moving to something that looks inextricably linked in function and cast list with the TPB and TEL Board, we look and feel like single focus "tram only" outfit. Whilst I agree with Kenneth that this should be our unswerving passion we should always give an impression that we stand ready to do more.

Peter

Gents,

Thanks for your comments, I will wait and see what comes in from Peter and Neil, but don't think it will vary much from Brian & Kenneth's comments. My own views are developing, it helps if we think of our role as a Mott McDonald etc, what would the Board be involved in? – we should perhaps take our line from this question. Moreover, it is more likely than not that tie will get an expended remit in the "son of Earl", we must have our own internal Governance Clear.

From a practical point of view, I would like to see a start to differentiate the agenda's of tie

, TEL and TPB. I would like the tie Board to meet in advance of the TPB and in many ways approve our deliverables prior to the TPB. This then gives real teeth to our involvement in the various Committees proposed by Graeme.

I will discuss with Graeme, and perhaps schedule a telephone conference next week to discuss further.

Willie

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My immediate reaction was that I understand the logic of what is proposed here, but wondered about where that left the tie Board, which isn't much mentioned.

Appendix 4 of the paper says the tie Board remit is

(1) Company stewardship

1. Matters relating to tie as a statutory entity, including Board membership, statutory reporting, maintenance of books of account and statutory records.

- 2. Matters arising from CEC / tie Operating Agreement
- 3. Matters relating to TEL employees including Health & safety

(2) Integrated Edinburgh Tram and Bus Network

1. Assurance that the tie Executive Chairman and management team continue to be kept under appropriate scrutiny, challenge and quality control

2. Assurance that tie Limited's contractual responsibilities are subject to proper stewardship

[Summary of tie Operating Agreement]

To my mind the tie Board should have a role in ensuring successful tramproject delivery. (I would actually think it should be its No 1 obsession.) I recognise that we must avoid having too many cooks, and avoid blurring lines of accountability. And perhaps this role is in fact implicit in point 2.1 above. But I'd like to see a slightly clearer articulation of the tie Board's role in governance terms.

Kenneth

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