

Transport Policy and Delivery – tie, SESTRAN and TEL

The City of Edinburgh Council

18 August 2005

Purpose of report

- 1 This report is submitted in terms of the Council's decision on 30 June 2005 to agree the principle of opposition representation on the Board of tie and on SESTRAN and TEL but to defer a final decision on the political make-up of tie, SESTRAN and TEL for a recommendation from the member-officer working group.

Main report

- 2 While I had hoped to be in a position to establish the member-officer group by now, events surrounding the G8 Summit and holiday commitments have precluded this to date.
- 3 Nominations for membership of the member-officer group have been received from the Labour Group and from the Liberal Democrat Group as follows:

Labour Group

Councillors Burns, Davies,
Maginnis and Shiels

Liberal Democrat Group

Councillors Mackintosh and Wheeler

The Conservative Group has not yet had the opportunity to discuss its position and so has not made a nomination to the group.

- 4 Arrangements are being made to convene the first meeting of the working group before the end of August and the Director of City Development is preparing a draft work programme and issue analysis for consideration at the meeting. The group will also have an opportunity to consider in more detail the report on a new Local Transport Strategy which is on today's agenda. Finally, the working group will address the issues raised in my June report to the Council about political representation on tie, SESTRAN and TEL.
- 5 I can, however, advise that, following open advertisement, and interview by a cross party grouping of elected members, Willie Gallacher and David Mackay have been appointed as non-executive directors of TEL. I am confident that their extensive experience will add considerable value to the Board.


Recommendations

- 6 The Council is asked to note the current position.



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Appendices	None
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Wards affected	
Background Papers	Report to Council of 30 June 2005