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Dear David,

Edinburgh Tram Inquiry – Document Request

Thank you for your letter dated 8th and 16th March requesting certain documents.

In response to each of your requests, we have the following comments:

1. Asset registers for all tram related assets for each year from 2003/04 to 2014/2015.

We attach a summary of the amounts added to the Council's balance sheet in respect of the Tram project. The analysis shows the capital spend for each year on tram-related assets. Tram vehicles were added to the Balance Sheet as Assets Under Construction at cost during their build phase and then transferred to Operational Assets in 2014-15 on completion. At this time, the vehicles were revalued from their cost basis to their operational value of £67.674m, an upwards revaluation of £3.725m. The (27) tram vehicles are being depreciated over 30 years and their first year of depreciation was 2015/16.

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All other tram-related capital expenditure was added to the Balance Sheet (at cost) as Infrastructure Assets and is depreciated over 20 years with depreciation applied from the year after costs were incurred.

The Council does not currently hold a detailed register for Tram-related assets. Edinburgh Trams Limited has recently initiated a project to produce a detailed asset register which will be used to inform programmes for lifecycle maintenance and refurbishment. This detailed register will not be available for a number of months.

2. A report prepared by Acutus for tie (Transport Initiatives Edinburgh Limited), dated 4 May 2011 and titled: "Extension of Time Risk Assessment".

We have been unable to locate this report.

3. The final version of a report prepared by Cyril Sweett for tie, titled: "Extension of Time Commercial Report – TIE, Edinburgh Tram Network – High Level Review".

We have been unable to locate this report.

4. The minutes of the CEC/tie Legal Affairs Group Meetings from 21 April 2008 to 20 October 2008

We can locate no evidence that meetings of this Group took place during this period therefore, our understanding is that no meetings took place.

5. The Minutes of the Tram Project Board Procurement Sub-Committee Meeting on 10 May 2007 (also known as the "Value Engineering Progress Meeting").

We have been unable to locate these minutes.

6. Version 1 of the Final Business Case ("FBC") for the Edinburgh Tram Network was presented to the 25 October 2007 City of Edinburgh Council Meeting for the Council's approval.

We confirm that the document dated 3 October 2007 is an iteration of Version 1 of the FBC which was presented to and approved at the 25 October 2007 City of Edinburgh Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely,


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