

## Questions for Councillors March 2017

This questionnaire has been designed to gather evidence about Councillors' involvement and knowledge of the Edinburgh Trams Project. The questionnaire contains 12 questions and, for guidance, a list of issues that may assist you in answering these questions. Please ignore any questions and issues which you feel do not apply to you, for example, questions that relate to a period when you were not serving as a Councillor of the City of Edinburgh Council.

If you have received the questionnaire in paper-format but would like to provide an electronic response please contact [evidence@edinburghtraminquiry.org](mailto:evidence@edinburghtraminquiry.org) and we will send you the electronic version.

### Your details

In order for the evidence to be analysed and taken forward by the Inquiry we require some information about you.

As you are responding as a Councillor (or ex-Councillor) your name and ward will be published, but your postal address, postcode, telephone number and email address will not be published.

Ward	LEITH LORNE
Period that you were a Councillor	1999 - 2007
Surname	ATRIDGE
Forename	PHILIP
Postal Address	[REDACTED]
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

### What will happen to your response

Your answers will be considered by the Inquiry and will form part of the record of the Inquiry

All of the written evidence, unless deemed offensive or inappropriate, which is submitted through this process will also be published on the Inquiry's website at

some point, either during the Inquiry proceedings or when the Inquiry Report is issued.

The Inquiry team may wish to explore the evidence you have provided in more detail. They may wish to contact you following completion of this questionnaire to take a statement from you, and you may be invited to give evidence at an oral hearing. However, not everyone who submits written evidence at this stage will be invited to provide more information, and participation at any oral hearings would be by invitation only.

## Questions

**Please refer to the guidance to assist you in answering these questions.**

1. Please provide an overview of your duties and responsibilities as a Councillor? Please also provide an overview of any duties and responsibilities you had in relation to the Edinburgh Trams Project.

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[Please insert extra pages if required]

2. Do you have any comments on the trams project during the initial proposals stage (i.e. between 2000 and 2006)?

NO

[Please continue on additional pages if required]

3. Do you have any comments on the trams project in relation to events between May 2007 and the signing of the infrastructure contract in May 2008?

NO

[Please continue on additional pages if required]

4. Do you have any comments on events after May 2008, including, in particular, in relation to the dispute that arose with the infrastructure consortium?

NO

[Please continue on additional pages if required]

40. To what extent did concerns over commercial confidentiality affect the information provided to and from Council members? What steps were taken to address any such concerns? Do you consider that concerns in relation to commercial confidentiality adversely affected Councillors' understanding of the project (including the problems that arose) and their ability to take informed decisions?
41. What was your understanding in relation to the extent to which information provided to Council members derived from TIE and the extent to which it was produced or checked by Council officers?
42. How did you report matters relating to the trams project to your constituents? Did your constituents report concerns relating to the trams project to you? If so, how and what steps did you take to address your constituents' concerns?
43. To what extent, if at all, was your understanding of, and views on, the trams project informed by what was reported in the media?

### **Cost overrun and consequences**

44. When, and how, did you first become aware that there was likely to be a significant cost overrun, including that the total cost of the project was likely to exceed £545m? What did you understand to be the main reason(s) for that overrun?
45. What was your understanding following the Mar Hall mediation as to how the additional contribution by the Council would be financed, including the different financing options? What was your understanding about the effect that was likely to have on the Council's finances and expenditure, including on services and capital projects etc?
46. Do you consider that Councillors were kept properly informed of the risk of a cost overrun throughout the project, including the likely amount of the overrun?
47. What do you consider to be the main consequences of the failure to deliver the trams project in the time, within the budget and to the extent projected, both on your constituents and more generally?
48. To what extent did the shortened line result in the project failing to meet the objectives and benefits set out in the Final Business Case?
49. What was the effect of the additional borrowing by CEC for the trams project on the Council's finances and expenditure, including on services and capital projects etc.?