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Gill,

A couple of matters to bring to your attention following the LAC meeting last night and today's PLIG meeting.

Regarding the EAL Lease, Alasdair Sim advised that EAL are very keen to sign the document today if you can arrange to return this to Dundas & Wilson immediately.

The timetable to Financial Close would appear to have slipped again. Last night Graeme Bissett reported that Notification Of Award will be made on or about 4/5 March.

Despite the emphasis last night being on the Critical Decisions Report, we learned very little from **tie** about their progress with the various strands of work, other than being promised a report by the end of this week. With that in mind, at today's PLIG meeting (Finance and City Development) we decided to have a meeting on Monday 25 February to consider the Close Report et al. It would be most helpful if the Council Officers could meet with you at 4 pm on Monday (Citypoint) to catch up before the LAC meeting.

The latest word today is that Siemens are proving somewhat reluctant to close the deal in early course. The date given above for Notification of Award might slip again.

The position regarding novation of the SDS contract to BBS was given next to no clarification last night, with a contradictory explanation from **tie**.

I regret to have to record with you my concern about **tie's** lack of transparency and co-operation with Council officers. I do not take this personally, but find it unacceptable that the Council is constantly having to press **tie** for relevant information and face an evasive response. This is hardly conducive to a good working relationship.

Regards,

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for Council Solicitor