

Committee Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Year 2010/2011

Meeting 12 – Monday, 16 May 2011

Edinburgh, 16 May 2011 - At a special meeting of The City of Edinburgh Council.

Present:-

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable George Grubb

COUNCILLORS

Elaine Aitken
Ewan Aitken
Jeremy R Balfour
Eric Barry
David Beckett
Angela Blacklock
Mike Bridgman
Deidre Brock
Steve Burgess
Andrew Burns
Ronald Cairns
Steve Cardownie
Joanna Coleman
Jennifer A Dawe
Cammy Day
Charles Dundas
Paul G Edie
Nick Elliott-Cannon
Paul Godzik
Norma Hart
Stephen Hawkins
Ricky Henderson
Lesley Hinds
Allan G Jackson

Alison Johnstone
Colin Keir
Louise Lang
Jim Lowrie
Gordon Mackenzie
Marilyne A MacLaren
Mark McInnes
Stuart Roy McIvor
Tim McKay
Eric Milligan
Elaine Morris
Joanna Mowat
Rob Munn
Gordon J Munro
Gary Peacock
Ian Perry
Cameron Rose
Jason G Rust
Marjorie Thomas
Stefan Tymkewycz
Phil Wheeler
Iain Whyte
Donald Wilson
Norrie Work

1 Edinburgh Tram Update

A Special Meeting of the Council had been called by the Lord Provost under Standing Order 6 to consider an update on the Edinburgh Tram Project.

The key outcomes arising from the mediation of the tram dispute in relation to the contract ("Infraco Contract") between **tie** and the Bilfinger Berger/Siemens/CAF consortium (CAF) were given, pending the detailed design and costing work that would be needed to provide a more complete picture of the full costs and revised programme for the project.

Plans for rectifying the road surface cracking problems which had emerged on Princes Street since the tram tracks had been laid in 2009 were set out.

Decision

- 1) To note:
 - a) the outcomes of the mediation process to date.
 - b) the consultation arrangements for remedial work on the Princes Street road surface.
 - c) that a further detailed report would be brought to the Council in the summer of this year.
- 2) To instruct the Chief Executive to seek absolute clarification on the new Scottish Government's intention in relation to the release of the remainder of the £500million Government Grant and that such an update be received by Council prior to any further decisions on this project.
- 3) To instruct the Chief Executive to report on potential compensation arrangements for Princes Street and West End traders given the possible, additional closure of Princes Street and that such an update be received by Council prior to any further decisions on this project.
- 4) To instruct the Chief Executive to ensure the next Council report on the Tram project, scheduled for 30 June 2011, was in the public domain a full seven days prior to the Council meeting.

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- 5) To note the details provided in paragraph 3.5 of the report by the Director of City Development in relation to the further report to be presented to the Council later this summer. To instruct the Chief Executive to include detailed figures and analysis of the cost of cancelling the Tram Project on that date in order that Council Members can adequately weigh up the financial options of such cancellation versus proceeding to St Andrew Square. All such information should be as accurate as possible and contain details of the sources of such information in order that it can be verified.

(References – Act of Council No 13 of 16 December 2010; report no CEC/103/10-11/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Jackson, Gordon Mackenzie, Perry and Wheeler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as non-Executive Directors of **tie** and TEL.