

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 16 March 2023

Edinburgh Tram Inquiry – Funding update

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Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Council allocates a further funding sum as set out in the B agenda report on today's Council agenda in relation to the ongoing Edinburgh Tram Inquiry (the "Inquiry") and Tram litigation activity.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks further funding for both the Inquiry and Tram-related litigations. Further detail is set out in the B agenda report also on today's Council agenda.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 22 August 2019 the Council considered a B agenda report in relation to certain matters relative to the Inquiry.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Council is a Core Participant in the Inquiry. It is hoped that the Inquiry will produce its final report in early course.
- 4.2 The Council is also a party to litigation action (currently paused) against tie (now CEC Recovery Ltd) and DLA Piper, the Council and tie's former legal advisers in relation to the original project.
- 4.3 The Council continues to incur expenditure in relation to both the Inquiry and the legal actions referred to at para 4.2, including legal and ICT system storage fees. Officers have been monitoring and minimising spend in this regard as we await the outcome of the Inquiry.
- 4.4 Once the Inquiry publishes its report the Council and its advisers will need to consider the outcome and recommendations in detail to be able to respond to the findings and implement any recommendations, as well as consider matters in relation to the paused litigation.
- 4.5 It is therefore recommended that further funding is made available to support this work. More detail is provided in the B agenda report also on today's agenda.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The Council will respond appropriately to the Inquiry's report once published.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Provision for further funding will be provided in line with the B agenda also on today's agenda.

7. Community Impact

- 7.1 None.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.