

Amendment – Conservative Group

Item No. – 4.1(b)

Edinburgh Tram – York Place to Newhaven – Updated Outline Business Case

Deletes Report recommendations and replaces with:

1.1 Notes the content of the report

1.2 Regrets that the Updated Outline Business Case has not changed fundamentally from proposals considered by Council at several junctures in 2015.

1.3 Agrees to take no action due to the fact the proposals continue to:

- Expose the Council to a high degree of financial and reputational risk
- Present poor value and fail to constitute prudent use of taxpayers' money, particularly at a time of continued public sector funding pressures
- Rely too heavily on a wide variety of assumptions
- Proceed prior to publication of the full findings of the Hardie Inquiry into what went so badly awry with the previous project; considers the proposals presented in respect of the Inquiry findings to be presumptive and wholly inadequate to ensure lessons are learned meaningfully and comprehensively
- Impact negatively upon Lothian Buses and remain likely to lead to higher fares for passengers

Moved by Councillor Nick Cook

Seconded by Councillor Scott Douglas