

## Edinburgh Tram – Shandwick Place and West End Junction

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### Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

21 September 2010

#### Purpose of report

- 1 At the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on 27 July 2010 a motion by Councillor Dundas was approved that requested the Director of City Development consider the possibility of re-opening Shandwick Place to general traffic until the main tram works recommence. This report provides a response to that motion.

#### Main report

- 2 The City of Edinburgh Council have made Orders under Section 14 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that allow "umbrella" Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) to cover all roads affected by the tram project. Two separate "umbrella" TTROs were made for the utility works and the infrastructure works and these were made on 28 February 2007 and 2 April 2008 respectively. These Orders are open-ended and the Council will arrange for the Orders to be closed off once the related works are completed.
- 3 Shandwick Place was closed from 1 March – 31 July 2008 to allow the utility plant diversions to be undertaken and the closure required a major reconfiguration of the West End (Shandwick Place/Queensferry Street/Lothian Road) junction.
- 4 The general traffic restriction on Shandwick Place was retained following completion of the utility diversion works as the intention was that the infrastructure works (track construction, the overhead line equipment installations and the associated roadworks) would then follow on directly afterwards. However, the ongoing dispute with the tram infrastructure contractor, which was reported to Council on 24 June 2010, has meant that the on-street elements of the infrastructure works have been delayed.
- 5 In light of this, the Tram Project Board undertook a review in April 2010 and agreed that **tie Ltd** should return as much as possible of the traffic management arrangements along the length of the tram route to normal, pending a review of the tram programme.

