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**Subject:** RE: Wickwar - WECA contribution [Filed 02 Nov 2023 14:56]

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Frankie,

Thank you for the below, but I am afraid it doesn't go far enough.

We need a breakdown of the costs even if it is estimates on best information available.

For example, we know that it is currently costing £280K for the existing 84/85 service. We need the breakdown to be able to demonstrate that we are compliant with CIL and that the costs being sought are reasonable, proportionate and necessary. Without more information to demonstrate how you have reached £450K, even if based on other services, we simply cannot demonstrate that the sums are reasonable or will deliver.

Kind Regards

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Hi Liz,

I can confirm that we have no correspondence in writing with Stagecoach or any other operator at that time in March. In the absence of approaching an operator with a 30 minute timetable for the 84/85 for a operational price we would have made an estimation.

This would have been based on a 30 minute frequency for the current 84/85 route (Monday to Saturday) between the operational times of 0700 – 1900. This would have confirmed that the service would have needed 4 buses. My colleague then checked against the tender prices being quoted at the time to find a comparable service and from operators willing and able to operate in that area. The figure she provided was based on a rough market estimate – which she made clear.

I hope this helps.

Many thanks, Frankie

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Thanks Frankie,

Unfortunately Myles has been off with Covid so don't have him available at present.

Kind Regards

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Hi Liz,

I hope you are well. Thanks for your email and yes, it has been received. I have referred this to a colleague who provided the sum at the time.

As Myles will be aware from Avril's original response in March 2022 (attached) Avril clearly stated that we were unable to approach Stagecoach at that time for a price as we were in the middle of a procurement exercise. A very valid reason due to the limited notice period given.

I will try to get something in writing but this would not be from Stagecoach as we were legal not allowed to contact them at the time we were asked for a price.

Cheers, Frankie

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Morning all,

Sorry to be a pain and chase on this so quickly, but I wanted to check it was received and in hand. I am going to be examined on this tomorrow so really need the info as soon as possible please.

Kind Regards

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Afternoon,

The inspector has queried the £2.25mil sought for the 84/85 continuation. I know it is based on sums sought by Stagecoach from circa 2022 but do we have any written evidence of those costs please, I would need an email from Stagecoach and if that doesn't breakdown the figures sought we will need a supporting note setting out what it covers and would provide please.

As I am sure you can appreciate, we need this quite urgently.

Kind Regards

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