

Questions and Answers

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item no 10.9

QUESTION NO 9

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 18 December 2025

- Question** (1) Have council officials met with representatives from the UK Government National Wealth Fund to discuss plans to extend Edinburgh trams?
- Answer** (1) Yes, the National Wealth Fund is working with the Council in an advisory capacity, for support with the development of a funding and finance strategy for proposed tram extensions.
- Question** (2) If so, on what dates did these meetings happen?
- Answer** (2) Two out of three proposed workshops have taken place with a third to be planned for early 2026. The first two workshops took place on 9th October and 28th November 2025.
- Question** (3) Are minutes of these meetings available?
- Answer** (3) These are workshops so the contents of these will feed into the Strategic Business Case for the Trams from Granton to Bioquarter and Beyond project scheduled for 2026. No final outputs from these workshops have been generated to date as the work is ongoing.
- Question** (4) What advice was sought from the UK Government during or following these meetings?
- Answer** (4) The National Wealth Fund is working with the Council in an advisory capacity, supporting with the development of a funding and finance strategy for proposed tram extensions.
- Question** (5) Are further meetings due to take place?
- Answer** (5) Yes
- Question** (6) Has the UK Government given any indication that it would assist in funding, or be open to considering funding, an extension to Edinburgh trams?
- Answer** (6) The Council has not put this question to the UK Government.