

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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***TramForward* applauds Edinburgh City Council's action  
to ensure the new tramway's success**

*TramForward* congratulates Edinburgh City Council on the recent strategic decisions which will ensure the success of Edinburgh's tramway pave the way for future growth.

The elected members and senior council officers have shown foresight in creating conditions that will allow integrated ticketing with Lothian Buses and lay the foundations for developing a network similar to that of Transport for London which, importantly, is ultimately accountable to the City Council.

The public wants to see a successful public transport operator using its expertise to ensure integrated route planning and meet the Council's desire to limit congestion, enhance mobility and improve the city's air quality.

The council has sensibly recognised that plans should be in place to extend the Ingliston Park and Ride facility. After the opening of the tramway more commuting motorists will wish to use the tram to travel swiftly to the centre of Edinburgh.

### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

1. *TramForward* is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association.
2. The Light Rail Transit Association is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport through light rail, tramway and metro systems in our towns and cities for 70 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their localities.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs under 12p a day. To join, visit [www.lrta.org](http://www.lrta.org) or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members of the LRTA receive the monthly magazine *Tramways & Urban Transit* - written and read by experts in the field - and gain other benefits including discounts on videos and books, tours of transport systems and cut-price admission to selected transport sites.
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