

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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Edinburgh Trams return a profit earlier than forecast

TramForward congratulates Edinburgh Trams managing director Lea Harrison and his team on achieving a profit of over £250,000 which reflects the growing popularity of the tram. Patronage increased by 10 per cent in 2016 [to 5.6 million] and revenue rose by 12 per cent.

The increase in the frequency of the tram service combined with a commitment to exceptional reliability has contributed to this success and the £252,000 pre-tax profit for 2016 compared to an expected loss of £170,000 strengthens the case for looking now at the extension to Newhaven.

We are delighted that the City Council had the foresight to set up the integrated approach to its Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Trams operations through Transport for Edinburgh, with both businesses now contributing a surplus to invest in further public transport improvements.

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 75 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 14p a day. To join, visit 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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