

## **Report to Partnership Meeting 4 September 2015**

### **RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY**

#### **Inverness Airport (Dalcross) Station Strategic Business Case**

##### **Purpose of Report**

This report provides Members with information on the Dalcross project.

##### **Business Case**

Systra continue to work on the strategic business case. The model is being altered to accommodate new CAA data is being employed to break down the airport users' journey to the station in order to quantify the impacts on airport parking demand. For example kiss and fly is at 60%, and park and fly on 12%.

A sensitivity test is also being varied to predict benefits if only 50% of Tornagrain and IABP build out is achieved.

##### **Car Parking**

Useful discussions continue with HIAL around the size and operation of the car park. The 150 space car park including access roads is costed at £1.3m; the 20+6 space car park car park is costed at £896k.

##### **Transport Assessment**

AECOM were appointed to carry out a Transport Assessment to support the planning process. HITRANS received the draft document for review in March and this is being refined before publication of the final document.

##### **Planning**

The opening of the station is dependent on the planning process and the funding options available.

When the planning application is lodged there is an initial 12 week period for consultation, before it can go before the planning committee. Contrary to recent press coverage and articles planning permission has not been applied for. A planning notice appeared on the Highland Council website as part of the process of informing statutory consultees eg SEPA about the project. When the planning application is lodged there is an initial 12 week period for wider consultation, before it can go before the planning committee. This would suggest a subsequent timetable that all being well would see permission being granted in 2016, with an opening in 2017.

A meeting will be held in September to discuss the project with the Highland Council Ward Members.

## Funding

HITRANS is still seeking additional funds locally to back the £450k land value, and our own £110k spend on development, in order to progress a successful application to the Scottish Stations Fund. It is anticipated that funds could come from HITRANS, HIE, Highland Council and Inverness Airport Business Park/HIAL. Revenue funding will be required for the shuttle bus link. The Scottish Stations Fund will only contribute to a proportion of car park costs for the 150 space scheme.

## Recommendation

1. Members are asked to note the report and to consider funding options.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Comment</b>
RTS delivery	√	This project fits well with a number of RTS Horizontal themes.
Policy	√	This project has integration and environmental benefits.
Financial	√	This project is fully funded
Equality	-	No impact on equalities issues.

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