

Report to Partnership Meeting 16 September 2016

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

Inverness Airport (Dalcross) Station Update

Purpose of the Report

This report provides members with an update on progress on Inverness Airport Dalcross station reopening.

Summary

1. Planning application is imminent.
2. Construction cost estimates have been produced.
3. Scottish Station Fund application process has begun.

Planning

The Project Design Unit at THC will shortly produce in draft form the full suite of documents for the planning application. Landowner notices have been issued, meaning that the earliest the planning application date would be the 13th of September

The approval can take up to 12 weeks, depends on committee dates. There is a committee in November and the next one is in February 2017.

Transport Assessment

AECOM have now completed the Transport Assessment to support the planning process. This includes the letter from Network Rail explaining that they would not support the new station without the closure of Dalcross (Petty) level crossing.

Estimated Cost

HITRANS has received from Network Rail an estimated cost for the single platform station construction (excluding car park and access) of £3.7m. The 2016 cash price is £3.966m. Assumed construction start is January 2017. We have a

number of questions about some of the cost elements and met NR's QS team along with our consultant to interrogate the figures. This identified some savings including a potential reduction of c.£250k in temporary and permanent land costs. A recent HITRANS visit to Newcourt Station in Devon found a similar single platform station with low car park costs opened in 2015 at a cost of £2.2m.

Scottish Stations Fund

The Transport Assessment and Business Case have been submitted to Network Rail, along with a summary of the contributions from local sources. Based on the Q1 2016 cash price for the GRIP3 estimate above, we would currently be seeking an SSF intervention of 88%.

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Costs	
Access road, 50 sp car park (THC 11/2015 price)	£1,059,407
Station (cash price Q1/16)	£3,966,000
Land valuation	£225,000
HITRANS dev costs	£225,175
Total costs	£5,475,582
Funding	
Land ex IABP ME	£225,000
HITRANS dev cost	£225,175
THC	£100,000
HIE	£100,000
Land tfr IABP to NR	£32,000
Total funding	£682,175
SSF intervention sought	£4,793,407
SSF as % of total	88

Aecom and Systra have been asked to provide some clarification on the Transport Assessment and Business Case following review by Network Rail.

It is anticipated that costs associated with the level crossing closure such as the stopping up of the road, and turning head provision will be covered through Network Rail's Level Crossing Closures Fund.

Recommendation

1. Members are asked to note the report.

Risk	Impact	Comment
RTS delivery	√	This project fits well with a number of RTS Horizontal themes.
Policy	√	This project has integration and environmental benefits.
Financial	√	These project has funding impacts on HITRANS
Equality	-	No impact on equalities issues.

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