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Report to Partnership Meeting Meeting 24 November 2017

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

Inverness Airport Dalcross Station

Purpose of Report

To update Members the progress towards delivery of Inverness Airport Dalcross Station.

Progress on funding and delivery

HITRANS met the Transport Minister in June to discuss the funding. Local contributions had been increased but were still insufficient to close the gap. He recognised the financial pressure on HITRANS and its partners and stated that governance for the project would transfer to Transport Scotland.

Local funders and stakeholders have had follow-up meetings with Transport Scotland to advance the project. Transport Scotland have now written to Network Rail asking them to action both the development work for the station (as a standalone project separate from Aberdeen to Inverness Improvements), and the closure process for Dalcross (Petty) Level Crossing. The Dalcross (Petty) Level Crossing Closure process will now rest as a responsibility of Network Rail not HITRANS and reflects that it is a Network Rail condition that the Crossing Closure is essential for the delivery and operation of the Station.

Local funding contributions will be collected by HITRANS in 2019-2020 for transfer to Transport Scotland when the project is delivered. It is hoped that the station will be constructed early in Control Period 6 2019-2024.

HITRANS will be developing a strategy paper to consider options for the management and operation of the car park, including revisiting the original STPR concept of a Strategic Park and Ride site.

HITRANS will also be working with HIAL and bus operators to understand the synergy between Park and Ride and the provision of a shuttle bus.

RISK REGISTER

RTS Delivery

Impact - Positive

Policy

Impact – Positive

Financial

Impact – HITRANS has already budgeted for this project

Equality

Impact – Positive- improves access for all

Recommendations

1. Members and Advisors are asked to note the report

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