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THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Report to Partnership Meeting 15 November 2019

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

Inverness Airport Dalcross Station

Purpose of the Report

To inform the Board on progress on Inverness Airport Dalcross station.

Project Update

HITRANS has been developing this project since 2005, and planning consent was achieved in 2017 for a single platform station with car park, and the nearby Petty (Dalcross) level crossing was to close. Passive provision was to be created for a second platform and passing loop in the future. Transport Scotland took over responsibility for the project subsequently in order to close the funding gap.

The station is now to have two platforms and a passing loop from day one. This is to increase capability for future capacity from the outset with further potential passenger and freight service requirements. The station will have a larger footprint and thus becomes a major planning application, with revised impact assessments. The stopping up order for the road at Petty(Dalcross) level crossing may have to be reset in the light of the new application. This will delay the opening of the station until later in Control Period 6 2019-2024.

Members will note that Kintore station is reaching completion, and is due to open next year.

In the short term HITRANS as the original applicant may have to renew the existing planning permission in order to prevent it lapsing.

RISK REGISTER

RTS Delivery

Impact – RTS compliant, connectivity to islands and UK and the world

Policy

Impact – Mode shift, aviation decarbonisation

<u>Financial</u>

Impact – Fully funded by government

<u>Equality</u>

Impact – Improved access to network

Recommendation

1. Members and Advisors are recommended to note the report.

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