

10 September 2020		ITEM: 11
Standards and Audit Committee		
Stanford Le Hope Transport Project		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: N/A	
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Executive Summary

This report is provided at the Committee's request to have a quarterly update on the SLH project. This report and future reports will focus on the latest progress in delivery of the scheme, any changes in the agreed programme and any changes in the out turn forecast

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the Standards and Audit Committee notes and comments on the report content.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 This scheme involves the construction of new station buildings with footbridge and lifts, passenger information system, bus turnaround facility, passenger drop-off points and cycle parking.

2.2 There are a number of stakeholders involved in the scheme including UK Power Networks, C2C, Network Rail and the Port of London Authority and it will be delivered under a Development Agreement with C2C, who are the principal land owner.

2.3 There have been a number of issues with the project which culminated in a pause and review of the scheme. The reasons for that have been discussed and considered in previous reports to both this committee and PTR O&S.

- 2.4 Since that review, many positive changes have been made to the scheme which have created a greater level of certainty on its deliverability and a much improved, high quality scheme.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

Progress

- 3.1 A single Option concept design has been developed and reviewed by all key stakeholders. A consolidated list of comments has been compiled and the designers will now progress the design adding Architectural details.
- 3.2 Changes to the design have meant that there is a need to resubmit a planning application for the station site as soon as possible. Each phase of the design development is shared with Thurrock Council Planners and a Full Planning Application will be submitted as soon as Architectural Details are agreed. Working in parallel, a team of designers is working on the development of the scheme for the Transport Hub Phase 2 which is well advanced.
- 3.3 A report is due to be considered at Cabinet on 16 September 2020 to obtain authority to procure a main works contractor as soon as possible. Specialist legal procurement and contract advice has been sought to build in to a strategy going forward to address members concerns raised about cost control on major projects.
- 3.4 The project steering group is continuing to meet on a monthly basis, to share information and ideas and obtain feedback on progress to ensure this infrastructure is coming forward with the agreement of stakeholders and local residents. So far, all the feedback has been very positive.

Programme

- 3.5 An updated programme is currently being worked up to reflect the time required to prepare a full OJEU compliant tender process. This will include the preparation of tender documentation, prequalification of bidders, the tender process, through to tender evaluation and award.
- 3.6 Subject to the procurement process, it is anticipated that Phase 1 of the works will be delivered within the current programmed completion date of Summer 2021 with the Phase 2 works following in quick succession.
- 3.7 At the moment, there are no impacts from Covid 19 affecting the progress of this project but Covid remains a live issue and impacts may arise once works begin again on site. This will be monitored and kept under review.

Budget

3.8 The table below shows the funding sources for the project:

Source	£
SELEP	7,500,000
London Gateway (DPW)	550,000
NSIP (Network Rail)	3,050,000
C2C	737,000
Other S106 contributions	1,533,000
Council	5,720,000
TOTAL	19,090,000

3.9 It has been agreed with the designers that a high level “estimated project” cost evaluation exercise be carried out at two “checkpoints” through the design process, once when the full concept is agreed and a further check at final design approval, to give further certainty and to give some indicative numbers in support of the tender evaluation process.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 To respond to the Committee’s request for a quarterly update on the Stanford-le-Hope Interchange project.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 Consultation was undertaken as part of planning process and further stakeholder engagement is continuing. This includes meetings with the residents of Chantry Crescent and local Councillors.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

6.1 The Stanford-le-Hope scheme supports the Place corporate priority, in particular:
Roads, houses and public spaces that connect people and places.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Jonathan Wilson**
Assistant Director, Finance

The revisions to the design and the revised programme for the delivery of the works remain under consideration alongside the associated costs. As set out in the report there are checkpoints to review the costs of the scheme during the detailed design process. The final projected costs will then be reviewed against the overall project funding set out in paragraph 3.8.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Tim Hallam**
Deputy Head of Law and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Since this is an update report, there are no specific direct legal implications. Legal Services will provide any legal advice in relation to this project as and when required.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Roxanne Scanlon**
Community Engagement and Project Monitoring Officer

There are no direct implications arising specifically from this update report. If the scheme progresses it will offer a greater level of accessibility at the station.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

Not applicable.

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

None

9. Appendices to the report

None

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