
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	25 October 2018
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Subject:	Glasgow City Deal – Inverkip (Iberdrola / Scottish Power)		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of revised access arrangements and road improvements on the A78 in respect of the Inverkip former Power Station City Deal project. Approval is sought for the final business case to reflect the revised access and road improvements on the A78 as agreed between Transport Scotland and Iberdrola.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 At this Committee on 5 October 2017, the Outline Business Case for the Inverkip former power station City Deal project was approved. City Deal funds will support the changes to the Trunk Road A78 at the site access at Brueacre and at the entrance to Inverkip village.
- 2.2 Iberdrola and Scottish Power have been progressing the detail of the roads improvements and it has recently emerged that significant revisions to the designs will require to be made to meet Transport Scotland approvals.

Consequently, Iberdrola and Transport Scotland now propose a traffic signal solution on the A78 at the entrance to Inverkip as opposed to a roundabout solution as included in the Outline Business Case. At Brueacre, a new three arm roundabout is proposed on the A78 compared to the former proposal which involved lengthening of the northbound on-ramp to the A78.

The initial estimates of the above proposed changes indicate that the works can still be contained within the City Deal allocation of £3.250 million.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the inclusion of revised road improvements on the A78, as specified in paragraph 4.3, to be included in the Final Business Case for Inverkip former Power Station.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following approval of the Outline Business Case for the former Inverkip Power Station site at this Committee on 5 October 2017 and thereafter at the City Deal Cabinet, Iberdrola and Transport Scotland have been progressing with the detailed design of the A78 roads improvements, necessary to accommodate new development.
- 4.2 The specific elements of infrastructure for Inverkip former power station as specified in the Outline Business Case were:
- 3 arm roundabout on the A78 at the north end of Inverkip.
 - Improvements to the Northbound slip road onto the A78 at Brueacre.
 - Improvements to the Southbound slip road onto the A78 at Brueacre.
 - Modifications to the Brueacre junction.
- 4.3 It has emerged recently that the above A78 improvements are no longer supported following detailed design. Instead the following road improvement scheme is supported by Transport Scotland:
- Installation of traffic signals at the north entrance to Inverkip on the A78, signals at the entrance to Kip Marina combined with local widening.
 - Creation of a 3 arm roundabout directly on the A78, just north of the Brueacre junction. This roundabout will replace the northbound slip road onto the A78 which will be closed.
 - Further modifications to Brueacre junction remote from the A78 (detail still being developed).

Consultants acting for Iberdrola advise that the revised junction arrangements described above can be accommodated in the City Deal funding allocation of £3.25 million.

- 4.4 The revised junction layouts, as agreed between Transport Scotland and Iberdrola, continue to meet the transport requirements of the regeneration of the Inverkip Power Station site. It is therefore recommended that the Council support the proposals and include the revised roads alterations into the final business case for Inverkip former Power Station. These changes will require to be reflected in revised planning applications associated with the development.
- 4.5 Subject to Committee approval, Iberdrola will progress detailed design and tender of the works. Tender prices will be a component of the Final Business Case. Approval to move to construction will be dependent on both Council and City Deal Project Management Office approval of the Final Business Case.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

5.1

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

5.2 N/A.

Human Resources

5.3 N/A.

Equalities

5.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No

This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Repopulation

5.5 Progression of this project will fulfil aspirations in terms of increased housing supply and commercial development.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 N/A.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

7.1 N/A.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 N/A.