

	<p>Financial Performance and Contracts Committee</p> <p>23 November 2021</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Brent Cross Update</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Director of Growth</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>Childs Hill, Golders Green and West Hendon</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public with accompanying exempt report (Exempt by virtue of paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972) on account that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the authority holding the information and information in respect of which professional legal privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.</p>
<p>Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Extracts LBB progress update presentation to the Government Assurance Board, 17 November 2021</p>
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Summary

This report provides an update on the delivery and financial performance across the Brent Cross programme and update on emerging issues relating to the Brent Cross West station works contract and the Anticipated Final Cost review.

Officers Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note delivery progress across the Brent Cross (BX) programme as set out in the presentation to the HM Government Assurance Board on 17 November 2021 and the emerging issues relating to the Brent Cross West station works contract and the Anticipated Final Cost review.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the delivery progress of the Brent Cross Programme since the last meeting on 07 October 2021.
- 1.2 A detailed progress update on the Brent Cross programme was provided to the Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021. [Brent Cross Cricklewood Update.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#). This Committee noted that the Brent Cross West (BXW) and associated critical infrastructure Anticipated Final Cost review has concluded and will be reported to the Brent Cross Member Working Group and the Finance Performance and Contracts Committee.
- 1.3 The report to the Housing and Growth Committee advised that whilst construction works on the station project continues to progress well, issues and risks are now emerging that are starting to have a material impact on the programme, particularly relating to material cost inflation and supply chain issues as a result of Covid and the current economic climate. This is placing pressure on the Anticipated Final Cost (AFC).
- 1.4 The Brent Cross West Station and associated critical infrastructure AFC review has now concluded. The review indicates that should identified risks materialise there could be a small cost overrun to the project. This has been reported to the Government Assurance Board who have agreed to form a working group to focus on mitigating these risks. The first meeting is scheduled for 23 November 2021. Officers have also put together a risk mitigation and funding plan to deal with the cost pressures, which will be presented during the exempt session of the Committee.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To provide an update to the Committee on the HMG funded elements of the BX programme that the council is directly delivering.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 None.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 None.

5 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The comprehensive regeneration of Brent Cross Cricklewood is a long-standing objective of the council and of the aims under the Corporate Plan Barnet 2021-2024 and a key regeneration priority of the Mayor of London.

5.2 Resources (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

Budget Monitoring

5.2.1 Budget, performance and risk information across the BXC programme is set out in the latest report to Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 As set out in the report to the Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 Article 7 of the Council's Constitution, the terms of reference of the Financial Performance and Contracts Committee includes the followings responsibilities:

Responsible for the oversight and scrutiny of:

- (a) the overall financial performance of the council
- (b) the performance of services other than those which are the responsibility of the: Adults & Safeguarding Committee; Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee; Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee; Community Leadership & Libraries Committee; Environment Committee; or Housing Committee
- (c) the council's major strategic contracts including (but not limited to):
 - Analysis of performance
 - Contract variations
 - Undertaking deep dives to review specific issues
 - Monitoring the trading position and financial stability of external providers
 - Making recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee and/or theme committees on issues arising from the scrutiny of external providers

5.4.2 The general power of competence under paragraph 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 1 of the Localism Act 2011 enables the Council to do anything that individuals can do subject to any specific restrictions contained in legislation and the 'incidental power' in Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that a local authority has power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or is incidental to, the discharge of its functions.

5.4.2 Any necessary procurement activity will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended by the Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI 1319 (PP Amendment Regulations 2020)).

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 As set out in the report to the Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 As set out in the report to the Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 As set out in the report to the Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 As set out in the report to the Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 As set out in the report to the Housing and Growth Committee on 16 November 2021.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Financial Performance & Contracts Committee, 07 October 2021

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s66893/BXC%20Financial%20Performance%20and%20Contracts-PUBLIC-October%202021%20FINAL%20V2.pdf>

6.2 Housing & Growth Committee, 16 November 2021

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s68654/Brent%20Cross%20Cricklewood%20Update.pdf>