

	<p>Financial Performance and Contracts Committee</p> <p>1 February 2022</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, 12 January 2022</p>
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Summary

This report provides an update on the delivery across the Brent Cross programme and update on emerging issues relating to the Brent Cross West station works contract.

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 12 January 2022 (Appendix 1) and the emerging issues relating to the Brent Cross West station works contract.

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 23 November 2021. The latest presentation on programme delivery to the Government Assurance Board on 12 January 2022 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Since the report to the last Committee, works on the Brent Cross West Station have continued including a 72-hour possession over the Christmas period. Works include steelwork on the new concourse, start to the cladding of the footbridge, concrete pours for lift shafts and structural works on both east and western entrances.
- 1.3 As the Committee is aware, there are cost pressures on the Brent Cross West budget should identified risks materialise. (See paragraph 1.4 of the last committee report). The GAB working group is meeting to mitigate these risks.
- 1.4 Since the last report, this has been further compounded as a result of railway possessions being cancelled by Network Rail. Network Rail has proposed replacement possessions which the BXW delivery team have accepted. All parties are working through the implications of these delays and meetings are scheduled for w/c 24 January and an update will be provided to the Committee.
- 1.5 The quarterly progress update on the BXW Programme will be provided to the Housing and Growth Committee on 17 February 2022.

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, 23 November 2021

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/b37846/Brent%20Cross%2023rd-Nov-2021%2019.00%20Financial%20Performance%20and%20Contracts%20Committee.pdf?T=9>

6.2 Housing & Growth Committee, 16 November 2021

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