

Report of the Place to the meeting of the Environment and Waste Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 19th December 2017.

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Subject:

Bradford Forster Square Redevelopment Consultation

Summary statement:

The redevelopment of Bradford Forster Square Train Station is one of the key schemes of the £1bn West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund (WY+TF). With services procured from Arup officers have overseen the production of an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the redevelopment proposals. The OBC produced outline designs about which officers are now consulting with key stakeholders. Consultation includes a two day public engagement taking place at Forster Square Station on the 12th and 13th of December. This consultation will allow the closure of the outline design stage and progression to the next stage, that of Full Business Case (FBC) development. This report offers members the opportunity to be party to this consultation process.

This work to procure services to develop the FBC will commence in early 2018. Officers commit to return to the committee at the appropriate time to brief members on the emerging procurement approach.

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1. SUMMARY

The key features of the improved station outline design are:

- A much larger building with a modern airy design, a glass front and a 'green' roof
- Two new lifts (as opposed to the current single lift) to provide access to Cheapside/Manor Row
- Incorporation of the arches behind the station and the lifts into the building
- 'Pods' inserted into the arches to provide extra station facilities that will include secure cycle storage, a retail unit and a heated waiting room
- Provision of a cash machine, café, toilets and ticket facilities in a smaller building within the building
- Improved layout and access arrangements on the Valley Road side
- Clear up of the overgrown area behind the station and provision of a green space or 'pocket park'

There will not be any major changes to the railway tracks or the layout of the platforms.

The public consultation will be held on the 12th and 13th of December at Forster Square station. The consultation will ask members of the public for their view on the design, the importance to them of the various planned facilities, ideas regarding the use of the 'pocket park' and for their views on whether arch features should be gothic or roman style.

Key consultation materials are attached as Appendix A, B, C and D (members should note that only Appendix A had been produced in final draft form at the time of report completion).

With this consultation completed, the results analysed and design changes considered, the outline design stage will be complete.

Permission to undertake work to develop the FBC was approved at a meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Board on June 29th 2017. Officers have begun to consider the procurement process for the development of the FBC. Whilst the costs in this development stage will be determined via this procurement exercise they are likely to be in excess of £2m. As such officers will return to Overview and Scrutiny to present the suggested procurement approach in due course. This is expected to be in Spring 2018.

2. BACKGROUND

- The Bradford Forster Square scheme is one of the 'Station Gateway' projects of the WY+TF
- Development phases undertaken up to point have included the completion of an initial masterplan and the production and approval of the OBC.
- The anticipated scheme cost at OBC was estimated at approximately £17m
- FBC development monies have been released for a spend of up to £3.6m. Final costs for the FBC stage are yet to be determined.
- The FBC stage is anticipated for completion by the end of the 2018/19 financial year

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None at this time

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- There are no financial matters for discussion at this stage

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A live risk register is kept for the Bradford Forster Square project. Whilst there are a range of live risks in relation to the longer term programme most are not current or related to the consultation exercise subject of this report.

The key risk associated with the consultation is that stakeholders and / or members of the public may not approve of the outline designs. Officers are however confident that the approach taken and multiple stakeholder discussions taken up to point have delivered a robust and justified design approach

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- There are no legal matters for discussion at this stage

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no equality and diversity implications for discussion at this stage

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- The station improvement will deliver a positive sustainability impact in terms of boosting the attraction of public transport usage

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- The station improvement will deliver a positive greenhouse gases impact in terms of boosting the attraction of public transport usage

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- There are no community safety matters for discussion at this stage

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- There are no human rights implications

7.6 TRADE UNION

- There are no Trade Union implications

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- There are no ward implications for discussion at this stage

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

- There are no area committee implications for discussion at this stage

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- none

9. OPTIONS

This report is the key opportunity for members to contribute in the final stakeholder Outline Design engagement of the Forster Square project. Members are invited to comment on the station design and those features they would regard as important to deliver a quality gateway to the city.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The views and comments of members are sought in relation to the station design and features.

11. APPENDICES

- Appendix A – Consultation Poster
- Appendix B – Consultation Card
- Appendix C – Consultation Leaflet
- Appendix D – Consultation Roller Banner

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None