

ADDENDUM TO THE CABINET REPORT - WEALD LEISURE CENTRE DECARBONISATION WORKS

Updated Position

1.1 The reported figures in the original report were based upon the best advised costs at the time, these have now changed significantly as we were required by UKPN to seek new estimates for the works. As explained in the original report all figures are estimates with the potential to change until all orders are placed. The changes impact figures in paragraphs 2.9, 3.2 and 3.3 of the report and given the current position the figures may change again.

1.2 Reasons for change include

1.2.1 UKPN estimate expired as a third party ahead of us in the queue has taken up their quotation

1.2.2 LASER, Project Manager for the scheme, have revised some figures following tender responses.

1.3 Reference paragraph 2.4 of the original report:

The UKPN process is not simple. TWBC requested and received our first estimate, valid for 4 weeks. This estimate (future proofed) was voided by UKPN prior to its expiry as the business at the front of the queue (one of those ahead of us in the queue) accepted their estimate, which meant the basis of all current estimates changed and new requests for estimates had to be raised. Even if we had accepted the estimate immediately upon receipt UKPN do not “accept our acceptance” until those ahead of us in the queue either decline or their estimate expires after 4 weeks. Two new estimates were requested – one including future proofing and one to meet the needs of the current scheme.

A new valid estimate from UKPN for the current scheme was received 21/10/2022 – valid for 4 weeks. This reflects the minimum load required to complete the scheme. UKPN while recommending the future proofed quotation accept this will deliver the scheme and meet requirements. The valid estimate places us in a queue and this is again at risk of a third party above us accepting their estimate in which case our estimate again becomes void and our place in the queue is lost.

The future proofed estimate is expected in early November. The future proofed quote may provide another acceptable option but with this option TWBC will be further down the queue and therefore at greater risk of third party acceptance before this TWBC option gets to the top.

1.4 Reference paragraphs 2.9 and 3.2 of the original report:

The valid estimate leaves the scheme requiring additional funding of £330,400; as indicated in the original report and demonstrated by the changes since F&G this is not fixed and is dependent upon not only final design and order placement but also other variables outside TWBC control means costs remain at risk of change. SALIX will meet £1.177m of the budget expenditure in the current financial year.

1.5 North Farm Depot update: current figures indicate that additional funding of £53,685 is now required, there is currently £28,045 contingency included; as per Weald project figures are not yet fixed.

1.6 Given the uncertainty in the budget position the wording of the decisions should be adapted to recognise the currently flexibility in the position.