



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.4

Report title: Cambridge South Station progress update

To: Transport and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Date: 14th July 2021

Public report: Public Report

Lead Member: Mayor Dr Nick Johnson

From: Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery and Strategy

Key decision: Not applicable

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Recommendations: The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:

- a) Note the progress of Cambridge South Station detailed within this paper
- b) Take a view on whether to recommend to the Board that Network Rail should be allowed to retain the underspend on the previous planning phase in order to support future work.

Voting arrangements: a) note only no vote required b) a simple majority of all Members.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper provides a progress update on the development of Cambridge South Station. This project is being led by Network Rail. The Combined Authority has funded previous stages of the project and been part of the project board.
- 1.2 The development of the station remains on time and within budget. Network Rail has underspent on the most recent development stage ([GRIP3]) but has asked the Combined Authority to roll the saving forward into the next phase.
- 1.3 The project remains on programme and has a planned opening date of 2025. The CPCA financial contribution to DfT for this project is coming to an end. Further funding is being provided by DfT to take the project up to the planning stage.
- 1.4 Indicative Delivery Programme:

Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancement - indicative high level overview based on SPEED programme



- 1.5 Network Rail and DfT are progressing this project using an accelerated delivery programme and using a new project management delivery process called Projects Delivered within a Controlled Environment (PACE).
- 1.6 The next stage of the process is to deposit the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) and commence further statutory consultation. There is an allowance for a Public Inquiry.
- 1.7 Once the planning process is complete, DfT will consider the funding for the delivery of the station.
- 1.8 Key stakeholders met in March 2021 to discuss the integration of Cambridge South into the wider transport network and any future master planning for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. It was agreed that officers would work together to prepare a follow up meeting; this is being arranged and will be chaired by the Mayor. There are also potential implications for Cambridge South from East West Rail, whose leading option could require an interface with the new station.

Significant Implications

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 Network Rail underspent on the previous phase of the project by £1.3 million. The Combined Authority, as part-funder, is entitled to the return of £217,000 as a result. Network Rail has requested that the Combined Authority instead commit that underspend to support the next phase of the project. The next phase of the project has been fully budgeted for by DfT.
- 2.2 In principle, the project is fully funded by DfT. However, a Combined Authority contribution would demonstrate the Authority's commitment to the project. Other funding partners have agreed this request. The Committee will want to take a view on whether the Combined Authority should do the same; if the Committee does wish to do so, that will form a recommendation to the Board.

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 There are no legal implications.

4. Other Significant Implications

- 4.1 None not mentioned above.

5. Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix 1: Photomontage of proposed Railway Station looking East and West. Three-dimensional exploded view of the proposed station layout.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 [link to Transport and Infrastructure committee 9th November 2019](#)
- 6.2 [link to CPCA Board 28th March 2018](#)

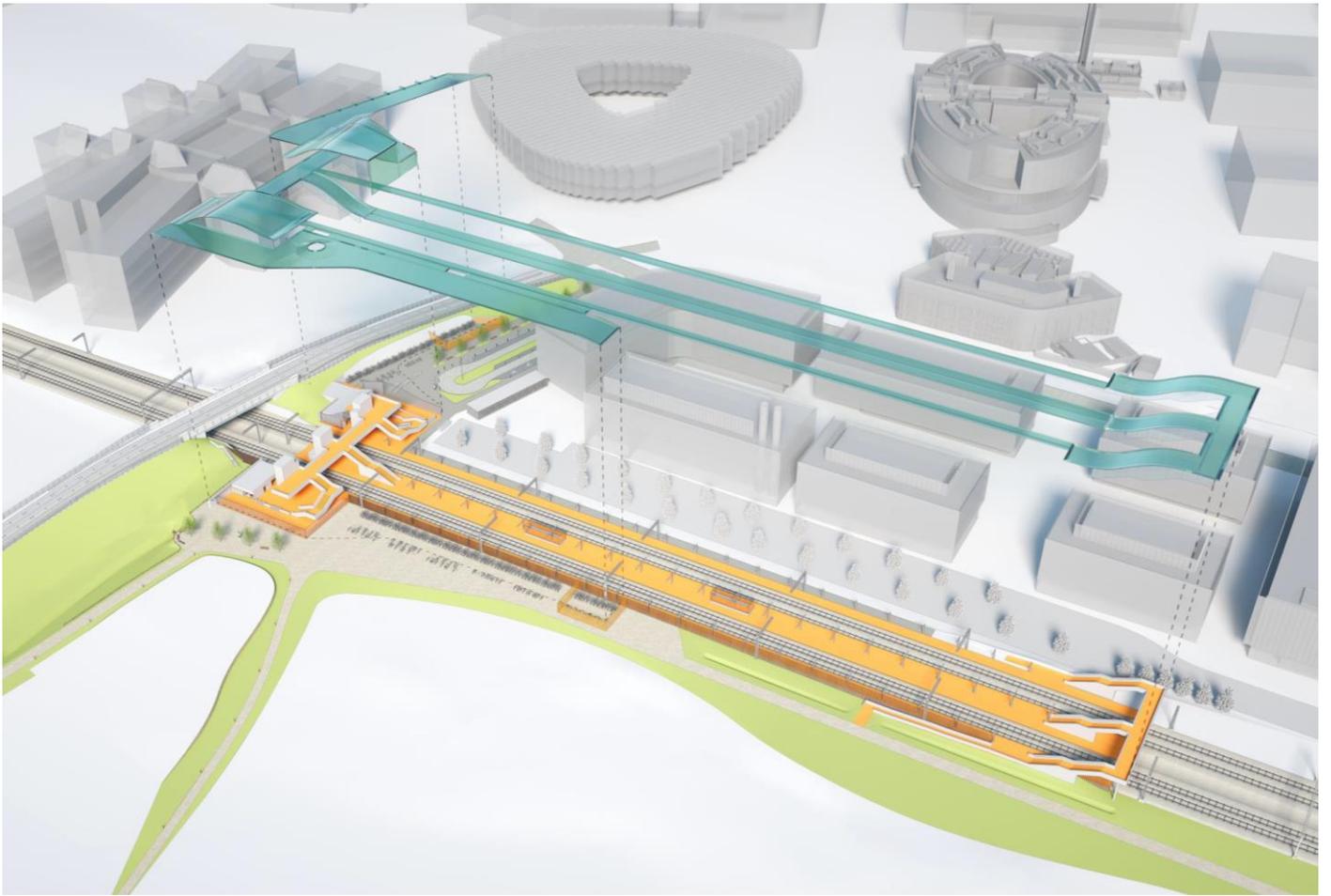
Appendix 1.



Photo montage looking East from Francis Crick Avenue.



Photo montage looking West from Francis Crick Avenue.



Exploded view of Cambridge South Station.