

4. DELIVERY OF A RAILWAY STATION AT WINCHBURGH

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the position with respect to delivery of a railway station at Winchburgh and to consider options for addressing the identified difficulties.

It was recommended that the panel notes and considers the following recommendations which will be presented to Council Executive for approval

1. Notes that the agreed masterplan for Winchburgh identifies the provision of a railway station and identifies a site for the station;
2. Notes that delivery of the railway station requires the specific agreement of Transport Scotland;
3. Notes that the developer has indicated that the indicative costs for the railway station are not affordable;
4. Agrees that council officers should continue to work with the developer and national transport agencies to secure a funded solution for the delivery of the railway station; and
5. Agrees that one of the considerations should be an approach to the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal seeking funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund within the City Region Deal.

Decision

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To agree that the final report be presented to a future meeting of Council Executive for approval; and
3. To agree that officers should make every effort to keep local ward members appraised of the situation.