Vyrnwy Aqueduct SRO Gate 1 Cost Reconciliation

October 2021



Table 1 – Comparison of Gate 1 submission (forecast) costs and final outturn costs

| VA SRO Workstreams | Proportion of spend (%) | Value of spend (£) | Proportion of spend (%) | Value of spend (£) | Description |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Gate 1 Submission | Gate 1 Submission | Gate 1 Final | Gate 1 Final | |
| Programme Direction & Governance | 10.94% | £119,398 | 11.68% | £119,398 | Activities including day-to-day liaison, reviews, decision making and oversight; Programme and Steering boards; managing in-company assurance, reporting and governance; ACWG, Regional Coordination Group, RAPID 'Task & Finish' and cross-SRO interfaces and support. |
| Programme Management & Delivery | 6.56% | £71,636 | 7.11% | £72,706 | Senior programme resources, plus PMO, scheduling and PM workstream support. |
| Assurance & Submission Production | 6.25% | £68,268 | 6.55% | £66,934 | Assurance activities including third line assurance and the management of the submission through the internal review and approval processes. |
| Commercial | 3.61% | £39,382 | 3.85% | £39,330 | Assessment and development of initial Gate 1 procurement strategy for the SRO. |
| Engineering | 41.21% | £449,917 | 41.70% | £426,271 | Identification and assessment of Vyrnwy enabling options, completing feasibility, technical and cost estimating assessments to support the development a number of selected options available for this SRO. |
| Network Modelling | 11.21% | £122,385 | 11.17% | £114,125 | Identification and assessment of Vyrnwy Aqueduct system modelling and source options including water quality blending assessments feasibility studies. |
| Environmental | 18.48% | £201,737 | 16.55% | £169,133 | We have undertaken environmental assessments of the SRO options following the principles of SEA, HRA and WFD assessment. In addition, we have completed a high-level NCA, BNG assessment and INNS risk assessment. It also includes NAU third party charges to support these SRO activities. |
| Stakeholder & Planning | 1.75% | £19,142 | 1.39% | £14,263 | Stakeholder engagement planning and activities. Carried out customer research via two studies. An element of the underspend was due to the deferment of customer acceptability Hall Tests, now scheduled for Gate 2. Development of initial Gate 1 planning consents strategy. |
| Total Costs | 100% | £1,091,864 | 100% | £1,022,160 | Final Gate 1 costs reduced by 6.4% [£69,704] compared to forecast, primarily due to lower than anticipated environmental regulator costs. |

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