

Title of proposed EIA	Transport and Highways Capital Programme Update 2020/21
Reference No	EQUA414
EA is in support of	Amended Function
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	19/10/2020
Directorate	Inclusive Growth
Division	Transport and Connectivity
Service Area	
Responsible Officer(s)	■ Peter A Bethell
Quality Control Officer(s)	■ Janet L Hinks
Accountable Officer(s)	■ Mel Jones
Purpose of proposal	To review the Options Appraisal updating the Transportation and Highways Capital Programme (THCP) for the period 2020/21 to 2025/26 at a total estimated cost of £221.024m.
Data sources	
Please include any other sources of data	
ASSESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Not Applicable
Age details:	
Protected characteristic: Disability	Not Applicable
Disability details:	
Protected characteristic: Gender	Not Applicable
Gender details:	
Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment	Not Applicable
Gender reassignment details:	
Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership	Not Applicable
Marriage and civil partnership details:	
Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity	Not Applicable
Pregnancy and maternity details:	
Protected characteristics: Race	Not Applicable
Race details:	
Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs	Not Applicable
Religion or beliefs details:	
Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation	Not Applicable
Sexual orientation details:	
Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.	This Equalities Assessment reviews the Options Appraisal updating the Transportation and Highways Capital Programme (THCP) for the period 2020/21 to 2025/26 at a total estimated cost of £221.024m (£210.683m approved programme, £8.093m to be

approved in this report and £2.248m funding pressure). The Options Appraisal reflects new resources, revised project costings and programmes, slippage and policy changes that have occurred since approval of the previous strategy in July 2019. Within this update, approval is sought to allocate new Integrated Transport Block capital funding available through the West Midlands Combined Authority devolved transport grant process (£5.160m in 2020/21) to support a range of projects and programmes that contribute towards key Council priorities set out in the West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan, Birmingham Development Plan and Birmingham Connected transport strategy. These policy documents and associated reports have already been subject to equalities analysis.

The THCP is also vital to the requirement to develop measures to comply with the provisions of the Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe Directive 2008, which sets limiting values for a range of pollutants to protect public health, and in delivering the 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG) as per the Host City contract.

The intended outcomes of the THFS include:

- . supporting economic growth,
- . reducing congestion,
- . increasing active travel,
- . improving physical fitness and health,
- . improving road safety, improving accessibility,
- . improving air quality, and
- . maintaining and improving the integrity of the highway network.

Transportation and highway improvements will benefit all districts and wards across the city, with further benefits to visitors and those who commute into the city. Measures implemented will benefit all ages and communities across the city. Many schemes are prioritised in terms of need, in addition to detailed data analysis, consultation and reference to existing Council, Transport for West Midlands, Department for Transport and other guidance or policy. Schemes will cover a broad spectrum of modes including public transport, walking, cycling, freight / business movement and the private car.

This EA is an update of EQUA199: Updated Transportation and Highways Capital Funding Strategy 2019/20 to 2024/25.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended

NO

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?

Consultation analysis

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact?

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?

What data is required in the future?

Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s)

No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

All schemes proposed within the THCP are provided as a 'public good' and are available for all members of the community and visitors alike to use. Transport proposals are supported by promotional and educational training provided by the **Travel Demand Management** Team within Transport and Connectivity, particularly in relation to road safety and active travel. Individual schemes will be subject to further screening for equalities analysis.

It is considered that there are no aspects of the THCP that could contribute to inequality. The facilities and measures proposed are for all users and none are excluded. No measures are considered to discriminate against protected groups in terms of age, race, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, sex, pregnancy or maternity, disability, marriage / civil partnership or religion / belief.

Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Director Inclusive Growth, Assistant Director Highways, Assistant Director Planning, Assistant Director Development and the Assistant Director Transport and Connectivity.

Full external consultation will be undertaken with all relevant stakeholders as part of individual Options Appraisals and FBCs, in accordance with normal practise including ward councillors, residents, emergency services, businesses, the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) / Transport for West Midlands and the Cycling Forum. All members of the local community, including groups of people whose first language is not English, will be invited to comment on the proposals during the public consultations. All proposals will be designed in accordance with national design standards, which give consideration to the needs of disabled people; helping to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people. Consultation will also be undertaken with Sutton Town Council and Frankley Parish Council where appropriate.

Individual scheme proposals will be further screened for equalities analysis as part of standard Council governance and approval processes, and EA's will be completed at Options Appraisal and FBC stage for individual projects and programmes.

QUALITY CONTROL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Decision by Quality Control Officer

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

No

Decision by Accountable Officer

Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer

15/11/2019

Reasons for approval or rejection

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Yes

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