

**Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting**

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**ECONOMY, SKILLS AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2017 AT 14:00 HOURS**  
**IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

**A G E N D A**

**1 NOTICE OF RECORDING**

Chairman to advise/meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

**2 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

**3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

To elect a Deputy Chair to substitute for the Chair if absent.

**3 - 10**

**4 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

To approve the Notes of the meetings held on 13 June 2017 and 15 June 2017.

**11 - 24**

**5 CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ROADS**

To receive a report from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Roads on Portfolio priorities and upcoming work areas.

**25 - 28**

**6 ECONOMY, SKILLS & TRANSPORT O&S COMMITTEE: WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

Item Description

7 **REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

8 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

9 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**ECONOMY, SKILLS & TRANSPORT O&S COMMITTEE –**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**11.00AM hours on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Room M93, Council House – Action Notes**

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**Present:**

Councillor Zafar Iqbal (Chair)

Councillors Sir Albert Bore, David Barrie, Zaker Choudhry, Liz Clements, Mahmood Hussain, Timothy Huxtable, Ziaul Islam, Josh Jones, and John O'Shea

**Also Present:**

Cllr Stewart Stacey, Cabinet Member Transport & Roads

Cllr John Lines, Ward Councillor for Bartley Green

Varinder Raulia, Head of Infrastructure Projects

Andy Middleton, Cycling Programme Manager

Andy Chidgey, Principal Studies Officer

Cigdem Jain, Senior Landscape Architect

Baseema Begum, Research & Policy Officer

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services

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**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING**

The Chairman advised the meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Ken Wood and Phil Davis.

**3. BIRMINGHAM CYCLE REVOLUTION: WOODGATE VALLEY GREEN ROUTE FULL BUSINESS CASE**

(See document No 1)

Cllr Huxtable declared his role as a member of the Transport Delivery Committee of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

Cllr Lines outlined the reasons for the call-in and made the following specific points:

- The scheme was discussed at Bartley Green ward and Edgbaston District committees.
- The majority of the community is not happy with putting a route through the park. It is also a designated wildlife reserve.
- An alternative route has been offered that is much safer and he hoped that this would be considered.
- There is no money for upkeep and maintenance.
- Through the City Council's Be Heard consultation database local people have been consulted on two occasions and a number of the comments were against the scheme;
- Report to Cabinet Committee on 7th March referred to the evolution of devolution in particular listening to input from District Committees.

The Cabinet Member, Councillor Stewart Stacey responded:

- This scheme is part of the BCR Phase 3 bid for Strategic Green routes as agreed with DfT. The funding provides further improvement to parks for cycling in all weathers.
- The route to be implemented has taken into account local views.
- All of the Be Heard Consultation database comments were included in the information shared with Cllr Line including yes/no answers.
- The scheme gives people with bikes an opportunity to get into parks and use green routes, which was a key feature of the green routes scheme.
- The Landscape Practice Group practiced was involved in the design and planning of this route including reporting to friends of the park and the ward committee. Ecologists were consulted and kept these groups informed of progress and officers took precaution in designing of the path taking on board suitable advice with respect to the environment.
- An alternative route was evaluated by officers however it was not wholly away from traffic and would not qualify as a green route.
- The petition received from Councillor Barton was received and objections noted.

Members of the Committee raised the following points:

- There was plenty of consultation with the local community and the proposal was thought to be a constructive one.
- There was no evidence of adverse effect or impact on wildlife as the ecologist consulted made no comments.

- It was questioned whether using this route for BCR would impact on future SPRINT routes.
- As part of this work the path was being made wider (including removal of overhanging branches) so this was positive in encouraging a range of community use.
- In line with Freedom of Information law personal details of respondents to the consultation cannot be shared, only their comments can be shared and officers have provided this information to Councillor Lines.

The Cabinet Member and officers then left the room. Following a discussion amongst Committee members it was

**RESOLVED:-**

That the decision taken by the respective Cabinet Members and Lead Officer on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 approving the Full Business Case for the implementation of the Woodgate Valley Green Route scheme as part of the Birmingham Cycle Revolution Phase 3 programme should not be “called in”.

**4. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None

**5. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Agreed

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The meeting finished at 1215 hours.



**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**ECONOMY, SKILLS & TRANSPORT O&S COMMITTEE –**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**14.00PM hours on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Committee Room 2, Council House –**  
**Action Notes**

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**Present:**

Councillor Zafar Iqbal (Chair)

Councillors Sir Albert Bore, David Barrie, Zaker Choudhry, Liz Clements, Mahmood Hussain, Timothy Huxtable, Ziaul Islam, Josh Jones, and John O'Shea

**Also Present:**

Cllr Stewart Stacey, Cabinet Member Transport & Roads

Cllr Deidre Alden, Ward Councillor for Edgbaston

Cllr Matt Bennett, Ward Councillor for Edgbaston

Varinder Raulia, Head of Infrastructure Projects

Andy Middleton, Cycling Programme Manager

Peter Howarth, Engineer

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### **3. BIRMINGHAM CYCLE REVOLUTION: A38 BRISTOL ROAD (SELLY OAK TO CITY CENTRE) FULL BUSINESS CASE**

(See document No 1)

Cllrs Alden and Bennett outlined the reasons for the call-in and made the following specific points:

- Reasons 5, 6 and 11 were outlined as the reasons given for the request to call-in the decision
- This was a good scheme to keep cyclists and motorists separate, and there is lots of feedback from the consultation undertaken by the City Council.
- However, the scheme stops car users turning left and right at the junction of Priory Road. This will have a knock-on effect meaning lots of extra traffic on Edgbaston Park Road, which is already heavily congested.
- There would also be a double right turn into Bristol Street, putting extra traffic onto Wellington Road that is a long residential road that offers itself to speeding motorists. There is also a school on this road making safety an issue outside the school. There is a need to implement traffic calming measure to make safer.
- The levels of pollution will rise on residential roads as traffic pushed there.
- Pershore Road junction – there is lots of traffic at this junction. The danger of crossing Pershore and Priory Road will be made more dangerous.
- There will be loss of trees on Bristol Road. TROs advised before the end of consultation.

The Cabinet Member, Councillor Stewart Stacey responded:

- Cabinet reviewed BCR in December 2016. As part of this, green routes and supporting measures would continue. A38 and A34 major cycle routes as per London. This decision is implementing that on A38.
- Priory Road turning will allow cyclists and pedestrians to cross safely and that is why prohibition is needed.
- Wellington Road will be designated to 20mph limit by the time the BCR scheme is implemented.
- Loss of trees – the policy is for 2 for 1 replacement. A lot of trees are in front garden of properties as opposed on the public highway.
- TROs already published were not on basis of original consultation design. The TRO proposal was amended.
- This scheme delivers the City Council's policy to achieve a step change in getting people to use cycling as a method of travel.

Officers added that:

- The scheme is as safe as possible. Some of the junctions are the most difficult and have been trying to tackle these for a long time. Making the route safe for



cyclists and other roads users is the prime concern, and trying to balance the needs of all road users.

- Modelling data was analysed at all junctions and data shows that there are not high numbers of vehicles turning left and right.
- There will be work to modify and change traffic signal to make as smart as possible. Adjusting traffic lights and signal can accommodate the traffic.
- A fundamental review of BCR was undertaken and scheme is fully segregated. As part of this, officeres listened to stakeholders especially cyclists; and looked at schemes in London and Manchester that have achieved a step change in the cycle lanes being used.

Members of the Committee raised the following points:

- Concerns about the loss of grass verges and mature trees on the public highway and the impact on air quality. What additional measures can be put in from a bio-diversity point of view.
- Will there be a period of further consultation on the junctions affected?
- A strategic green route is needed and this scheme is the best opportunity to do that. The safety of pedestrians and cyclists is paramount. The option to stop the left and right turns is to ensure safety for these roads users.
- The safety of road users on Wellington Road needs to be considered further with residents and local Councillors as the road will inevitably become more heavily used; therefore other measures beside a 20mph limit are required. It is better that this is considered before the scheme is implemented to minimise any issues in the future.
- If infrastructure funding becomes available it would be useful to have a 'worked-up' scheme ready to implement.

In response it was confirmed that

- No further consultation was planned however consultation on the proposed measure on Wellington Road will take place. Depending on the modal shift the scheme will remain under review for a significant period to see how things can be improved for instance in traffic signalling.
- Some funding is available within the capital programme to look at the options and work-up some costings.

The Cabinet Member and officers then left the room. Following a discussion amongst Committee members it was

#### **RESOLVED:-**

That the decision taken by the respective Cabinet Members and Lead Officer on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 approving the Full Business Case for the implementation of the A38 Bristol Road (Selly Oak to City Centre) scheme as part of the Birmingham Cycle Revolution Phase 3 programme should not be "called in".

That the Chair should write on behalf of the Committee to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Roads asking him to consider in greater detail:

1. That a detailed costed scheme is worked up, and ready for implementation should funding become available, for the junction of Pershore and Priory Roads to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists;
2. Further consultation with residents of Wellington Road and local Councillors with reference to the implementation of traffic calming measures to ensure the safety of all road users;
3. That following implementation of the scheme monitoring takes place to consider any increase of traffic along Edgbaston Park Road and the impact of this.

**4. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None

**5. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Agreed

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The meeting finished at 1530 hours.

# Cabinet Member for Transport And Roads Priorities for 2017/18

Economy, Skills and Transport Overview and  
Scrutiny Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

# Priorities

☐ **Delivery**

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But...

“Events, dear boy”

# For example

- \*Commonwealth Games
- \*West Midlands Rail franchise
- \*Air Quality Action Plan

# Delivery – Capital Programme

- \* Service Delivery Target – achieve forecast 2017/18 capital expenditure (+/- 10%). Target £37.6m , as set out in the Updated Transportation and Highways Funding Strategy 2017/18 to 2022/23
- \* Secure remaining Local Growth Fund approvals from GBSLEP for all transport projects and commence delivery
- \* Deliver National Productivity Investment Fund schemes
- \* Substantially complete DfT funded elements of the Birmingham Cycle Revolution

# Delivery - Highways PFI Contract

- \* Ensuring that the highways contract is fully understood by all
- \* Ensuring that the contract is fully implemented
  - \* Robust management of contract obligations
  - \* Driving improved performance
- \* A separate presentation to Members will follow this meeting.



# Delivery - Light Rail

- \* Extensions to Metro
  - \* Centenary Square/Edgbaston
  - \* Digbeth/Smithfield
  - \* East Birmingham to HS2 Birmingham Interchange Station
- Working with Metro Alliance to progress these by 2026

# Development & Delivery

- \*SPRINT

- \*Rail Infrastructure

- \*Major Schemes Business Cases

# Delivery - Policy Development

- \* Birmingham Transport Policy Statement
- \* Developing a new Parking Policy
- \* Transport Space Allocation
- \* Providing transport inputs into Langley & Peddimore SPDs
- \* Working collaboratively with the Mayor and the West Midlands Combined Authority to develop policy and deliver transport infrastructure.

# Delivery – Behaviour Change

- \* **Strategic**
  - \* -Communicating our transport strategy and objectives
- \* **Collaborative**
  - \* -Working with partners to deliver transport infrastructure effectively and manage network resilience
- \* **Operational**
  - \* -Promoting road safety and smarter choices

# Known Unknowns 1

## \* Commonwealth Games

- \* Development of Transport Strategy and Delivery Plan with WMCA Partners including logistics and network resilience considerations
- \* Low emissions and sustainable modes games principles
- \* Acceleration of Sprint routes included within HS2 Connectivity Package
- \* Temporary and Permanent Park and Ride
- \* Venues to be Green Travel Districts
- \* Expansion of segregated cycle links to Athletes' Village, Alexander Stadium, Birmingham University
- \* Upgrades to Perry Barr Interchange and University Station

# Known Unknowns 2

## \* West Midlands Rail Franchising

- \* City Council is a committed member of West Midlands Rail
- \* Working with partners to ensure nationally-let franchises meet local needs here, including the increased capacity needed for inclusive growth.
- \* Invitation to Tender published for West Midlands Franchise in September 2016 – direct engagement with bidders on our aspirations.
- \* Announcement of preferred bidder running late!
- \* Ensure the contents meet the need of the people of Birmingham..

# Known Unknowns 3

- \* Air Quality Action Plan
  - \* Addressing air quality is a priority for the Council; transport has a major role.
  - \* Clean Air Zone feasibility study underway in response to the Government's Air Quality Plan
  - \* Continuing to lobby the Government for further national action e.g. to disincentivise diesel
  - \* Develop an Air Quality Policy which supports compliance but recognises the need to go further to deliver wider benefits.

And after lunch...





## Economy, Skills & Transport O&S Committee: Work Programme 2017/18

**Chair:** Cllr Zafar Iqbal

**Committee Members:** Cllrs David Barrie, Sir Albert Bore, Zaker Choudhry, Liz Clements, Phil Davis, Mahmood Hussain, Timothy Huxtable, Ziaul Islam, Josh Jones, John O'Shea, and Ken Wood

**Officer Support:** Scrutiny Officers: Rose Kiely (303 1730) & Baseema Begum (303 1668)  
Committee Manager: Errol Wilson (675 0955)

### 1 Meeting Schedule

Date	What	Officer Contact / Attendees
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> <b>(informal)</b> 1400 hours Committee Room 2	<b>Informal meeting</b> to discuss the Work Programme with input from Officers (where possible) on key Economic, Planning, Regeneration, Transportation and Skills and Learning issues.	Scrutiny Office
<b>**13<sup>th</sup> July 2017**</b> 1400 hours Committee Rooms 3&4	Cabinet Member for Transport & Roads: Portfolio priorities & upcoming work areas  Members private briefing on Highways PFI contract	Chris Brockie, Cabinet Support Officer  Kevin Hicks, Assistant Director, Highways & Infrastructure
<b>21<sup>st</sup> September 2017</b> 1400 hours Committee Rooms 3&4	Cabinet Member for Jobs & Skills: Portfolio priorities & upcoming work areas (TBC)  TBC	Chris Brockie, Cabinet Support Officer
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b> 1400 hours Committee Rooms 3&4	Draft Parking Policy – TBC  Review of Average Speed Enforcement Cameras Pilot (TBC)	Phil Edwards, Head of Growth & Transportation



Date	What	Officer Contact / Attendees
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b> 1400 hours Committee Rooms 3&4	East Birmingham & North Solihull Regeneration Strategy - Update (TBC)  Birmingham Design Guide – Draft for consultation (TBC)  Urban Centres Framework – Draft for consultation (TBC)	Ian MacLeod, Assistant Director, Regeneration  Richard Cowell, Assistant Director, Development
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b> 1400 hours Committee Rooms 3&4	20mph limits – Impact & evaluation of areas where it has been implemented (TBC)  TBC	Phil Edwards, Head of Growth & Transportation
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b> 1400 hours Committee Room 6	TBC	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b> 1400 hours Committee Room 6	Cabinet Member for Transport & Roads: Portfolio priorities & upcoming work areas (TBC)  TBC	Chris Brockie, Cabinet Support Officer
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b> 1400 hours Committee Room 6	Cabinet Member for Jobs & Skills: Portfolio priorities & upcoming work areas (TBC)  TBC	Chris Brockie, Cabinet Support Officer
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b> 1400 hours Committee Room 6	TBC	

## 2 Further work areas of interest/Work to be programmed

2.1 The following items could be scheduled into the work programme if members wish to investigate further:

- **Potential Inquiry:** The Future of Birmingham: Consequences of a growing population and economic growth.
- **Potential Inquiry:** The Skills Agenda: An analysis and evaluation of the skills programmes to date and future working with the Mayor and West Midlands Combined Authority.



- **Potential Inquiry:** Highways Maintenance and Management PFI contract
- Commonwealth Games
- West Midlands Rail Franchise – Effect on Birmingham and West Midlands
- Potential Implications of Brexit – costs/benefits/implications
- Draft corporate Apprenticeship Strategy
- Economic impact of arts organisations
- Women's Enterprise Hub/ Women in the workplace

### 3 Other Meetings

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#### Call in Meetings

'Birmingham Cycle Revolution: Woodgate Valley Green Route Full Business Case'  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 11am, Room M93, Council House

'Birmingham Cycle Revolution: A38 Bristol Road (Selly Oak to City Centre) Full Business Case'  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 2pm, Committee Room 2, Council House

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#### Petitions

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*None  
scheduled*

#### Councillor Call for Action requests

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*None  
scheduled*

It is suggested that the Committee approve Thursday at 1400 hours as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

#### Contact Officers

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## 4 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Economy, Skills & Transport O&S Committee's remit. **Please note this is correct at the time of publication. Highlighted rows show a change to the previously listed cabinet proposed date.**

Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
003361/2017	Commonwealth Games Bid - Public	Deputy Leader	25 July 2017
003884/2017	Development of a commercial partnership between the Library of Birmingham and the Birmingham Repertory Theatre - Full Business Case	Deputy Leader	25 July 2017
002498/2016	HS2 Birmingham Interchange - update	Leader	25 July 2017
002536/2016	Former Curzon Street Station Refurbishment	Leader	25 July 2017
003203/2017	Enterprise Zone – Skills and Employment Investment Programme	Leader	25 July 2017
003575/2017	Birmingham Smithfield Development Procurement Strategy	Leader	25 July 2017
003668/2017	HS2 Curzon Station Public Realm Programme	Leader	25 July 2017
003854/2017	Highway Maintenance and Management PFI Contract	Transport & Roads	25 July 2017
000318/2015	Discharge of Accountable Body Arrangements for AMSCI - Standing Item	Leader	19 Sept 2017
003888/2017	Vision Document for Birmingham Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Birmingham Design and Conservation Review Panel	Leader	19 Sept 2017
001904/2016	Selly Oak New Road Phase 1B Full Business Case	Transport & Roads	19 Sept 2017
003724/2017	EV Taxi Charging Project	Transport & Roads	19 Sept 2017
003725/2017	Tyseley Access Road	Transport & Roads	19 Sept 2017
002864/2017	Snow Hill Square Improvement Scheme (Tranche 1)	Leader	17 Oct 2017
003295/2017	Innovation Birmingham Ltd Site Development (Maker Wharf)	Leader	17 Oct 2017
003203/2017	Enterprise Zone – Skills and Employment Investment Programme	Leader	12 Dec 2017