

# **Sustainability and Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee – CABINET MEMBER PRIORITIES 2018/19**

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# Cabinet Member Priorities 2018/19

Summary of Cabinet Member responsibilities:

- **Transport Strategies** – sustainable travel policies and programmes.
- **Highways** – maintenance of roads & streets, and traffic management.
- **Advice to Planning Committee** – on highways issues and developments.
- **Air Quality** – complying with regulations and becoming a clean air city.
- **Green City** – sustainability, liveability and environmental improvement.
- **Climate Change** – proactively tackling the causes and consequences.

# Invest in our city

We will continue to attract major investment to our city, creating jobs and growth and providing the integrated transport system needed to support this:

- Enable investment in transport infrastructure supporting the Big City Plan.
- Maximise opportunities created by the arrival of HS2 in 2026.
- Progress the Snow Hill Growth Strategy for this major transport hub.
- Support the transport elements of an Inclusive Growth Strategy for East Birmingham and delivery of the NEC Masterplan.
- Ensure appropriate transport provision for the forthcoming Peddimore employment site and Langley Sustainable Urban Extension.
- Develop Green Travel Districts to help local centres thrive and prosper.

# Keep Birmingham moving

We will develop a transport network of routes and public spaces in our city that efficiently meets demand from more residents and more trips:

- Refresh Birmingham Connected, our Transport Policy Statement, with plans for transport demand management and road space allocation.
- Ensure our highway network copes with projected growth and minimises the impact of congestion on residents and businesses.
- Continue to develop a way forward for highway maintenance services that will enable us to have confidence in future service delivery following the successful Supreme Court Decision against Amey
- Increase the number of trips by walking, cycling and public transport by making this safe and easy to access for everyone.
- ~~Deliver priority measures that make public transport a reliable choice.~~

# Improve Public Transport

We will make public transport in our city more attractive and easier to access with priority given to local services:

- Improve and increase local rail services, including re-opening stations on the Camp Hill line and extra capacity through the Midlands Hub project.
- Bring forward proposals for extension of the Midland Metro tram network.
- Deliver three new Sprint routes as part of our commitment to a green Commonwealth Games resulting in public transport improvements.
- Work with the West Midlands Bus Alliance to make journeys quicker, more attractive and better value.

# Support Cycling & Walking

We will continue to make significant improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure around Birmingham:

- Produce a Local Cycling & Walking Strategy and Infrastructure Plan.
- Complete cycling superhighways on the A38 and A34 and canal access improvements through the Birmingham Cycle Revolution programme.
- Encourage more physical activity and improved wellbeing by building on successful initiatives such as Big Birmingham Bikes and Active Streets.
- Work with Transport for West Midlands to develop a Bike Share scheme.
- Ensure residential developments have adequate cycle storage facilities.

# School Travel

We will engage with schools across the city to encourage and enable safe, sustainable and healthy modes of travel:

- Use the national Modeshift STARS scheme for work with schools and recognise excellence in promoting sustainable travel.
- Deliver a training programme for teachers and other school staff.
- Run a 'School Keep Clear' campaign to tackle inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal parking around the school gate.
- Work with Living Streets to deliver a Walk to School outreach project

# Green City

We will create a cleaner, greener Birmingham, tackling the effects of man-made air pollution and climate change on our city:

- Work with the Government to introduce a Clean Air Zone for Birmingham.
  - Develop a Clean Air Strategy to improve health & wellbeing for everyone.
  - Support the roll-out of cleaner and greener hydrogen fuelled buses.
  - Deploy a fast and rapid charge point network for electric taxis, cars and commercial vehicles
  - Build on our pioneering project to retrofit black cabs with cleaner engines.
  - Undertake a detailed study looking at the feasibility of creating an energy company to deliver benefits for addressing fuel poverty and decarbonisation.
  - Enhance our green city with green routes for walking and cycling.
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