

Appendix 2 – Creating a Physically Active City Forum Highlight Report

1.1 Context

The forum met virtually on 21st October 2020, the third meeting since business as usual activity had paused following the COVID-19 emergency response. The forum specifically requested a 2-item agenda to cover the following items:

- A 1hr workshop to update the forum on the progress of the Future Parks Accelerator, with a view to agreeing future forum support.
- An update on Active Travel work in the city.

1.2 Current Circumstance

The October meeting of the Forum was chaired by Cllr Waseem Zaffar, Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment. It was attended by 11 participants. The meeting acknowledged the continued focus on the impact of COVID-19, and once again discussed the impact on participation, impact on programme delivery, the Emergency Transport Plan and the Emergency Travel Fund. The agenda covered the following:

Future Parks Accelerator Workshop

- The workshop was chaired by Hamira Sultan, Consultant in Public Health, Birmingham Public Health/Director: Future Parks Accelerator (FPA)
- An overview of the FPA
- FPA achievements to date
- What is being asked of the forum
- An introduction to the FPA included Naturally Birmingham's Vision, including the 5 strategic outcomes and how this links to the Council Plan.
- An explanation of the bidding and award process was presented
- An overview of the framework that underpins the programme was presented, this focused on 5 key components: 1) a new governance model for the natural and green environment; 2) environmental justice framework; 3) a healthy city framework; 4) a sustainable finance framework; 5) citizen engagement framework
- It was put to the forum members that they have a key role to achieving the framework and the 5 components.
- A discussion took place with reference to connecting green spaces to physical activity, active travel, and health and wellbeing outcomes.
- The CPAC forum members were asked to articulate their thoughts as to how they could contribute to the delivery of the framework.

Active Travel

- An update on the progress of the Emergency Active Travel Fund (EATF) tranche 2 funding bid was given, this focused on the potential for another 1000 free bikes to be made available to residents of the city, and the potential for an active travel/walking & cycling social prescribing pilot could be extended from Sandwell to Birmingham as part of the funding package.
- An update on the Bloomberg/Partnership for Healthy Cities project was given, highlighting progress against the milestones of the work plan. This included the completion of the Seldom Heard Voices surveys, future insight work, and the commissioning intentions to appoint a marketing and communications provider to develop the campaigns and social media messages that will underpin the project.

1.3 Next Steps and Delivery

- Consider the findings from the workshop and follow up forum members who have made specific commitments to the FPA
- Continue to monitor the EATF tranche 2 funding decision (yet to be announced by DfT)
- Consider an agenda that focuses on resilience and recovery for the next meeting in February