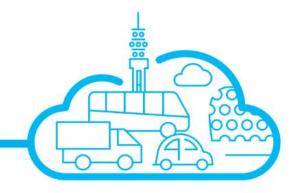
# **BRUM BREATHES**



# Birmingham's journey to clean air

Stephen Arnold
HEAD OF CLEAN AIR ZONE



### Introduction

- Birmingham's Clean Air Zone became operational on 1 June 2021
- The zone is an important tool that will enable the city to reduce the levels of nitrogen dioxide to within the legal limit within the shortest possible time
- As part of the preparation of the full business case there were various studies to try and predict the impact of the Clean Air Zone – air quality, traffic and key groups
- These studies also identified potential mitigations to these impacts
- The recommendations from these reports were further refined by the feedback to the 2018 consultation
- The mitigations were designed to either give people more time to prepare or to accelerate the replacement of noncompliant vehicles
- Identifying the specific impact of the Clean Air Zone on Birmingham's economy is difficult to identify in the context of the profound impact COVID restrictions have had on economic activity and working patterns





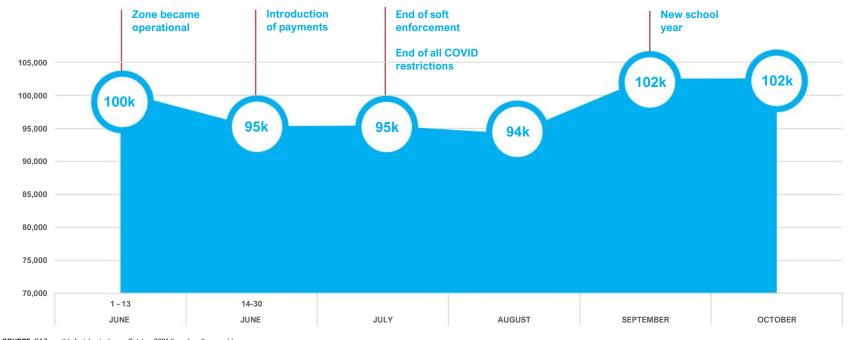
### The Clean Air Zone

### PERFORMANCE OF THE ZONE



### How is the Clean Air Zone performing?

DAILY AVERAGE VOLUME OF UNIQUE VEHICLES

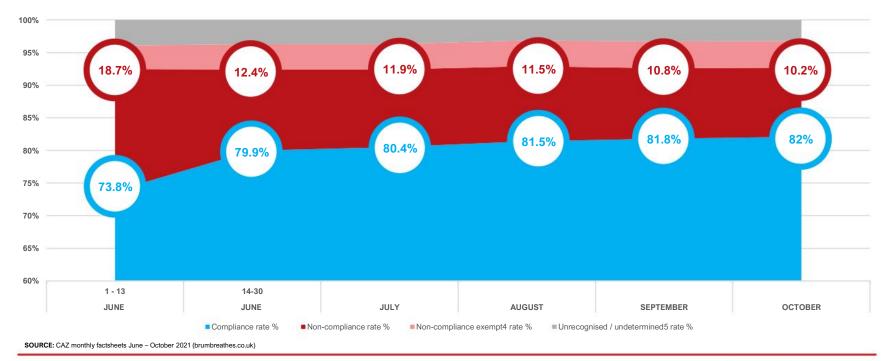


SOURCE: CAZ monthly factsheets June – October 2021 (brumbreathes.co.uk)



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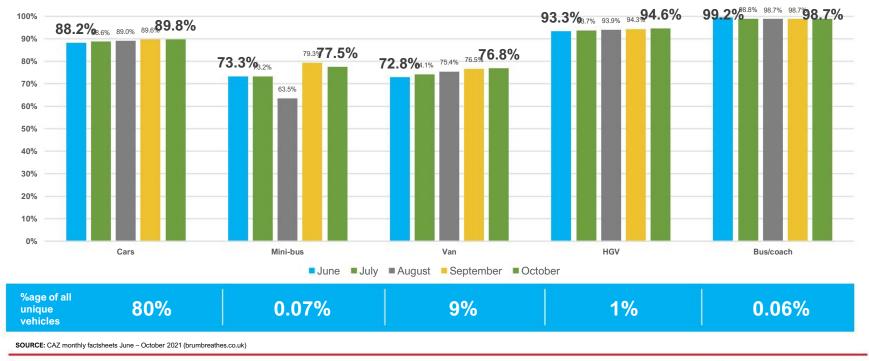
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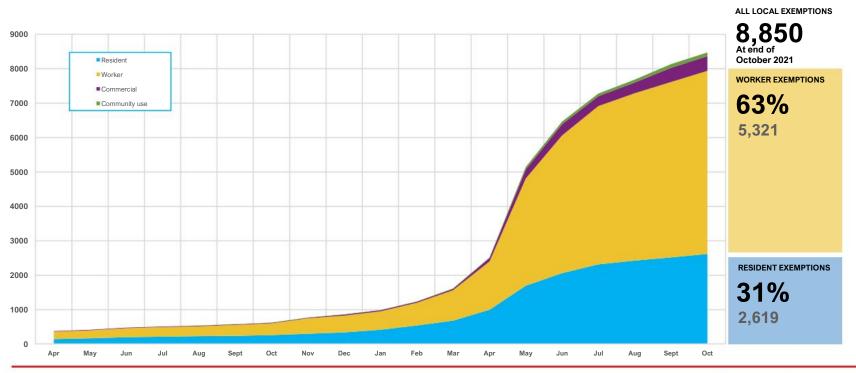
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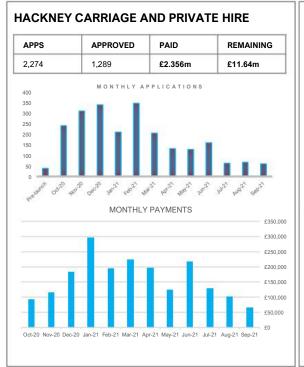


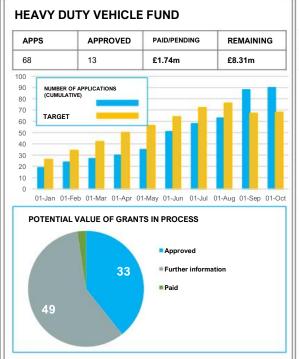
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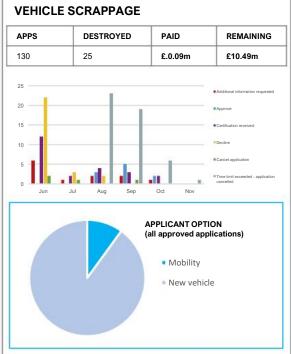




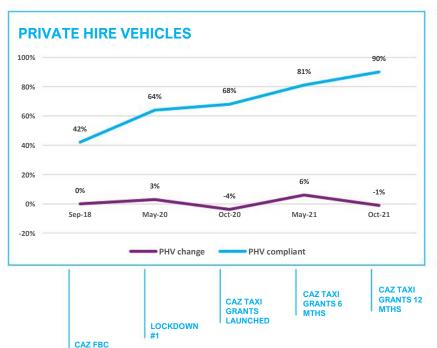
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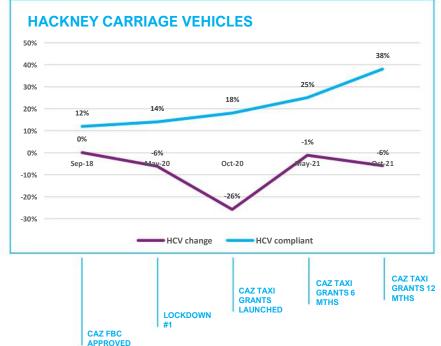






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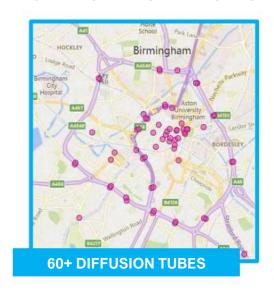


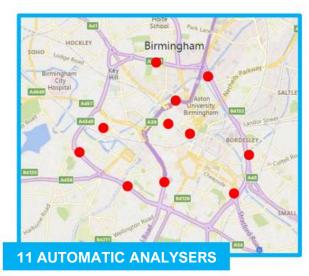


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# Monitoring air quality in Birmingham

THE CITY HAS A LARGE NETWORK OF MONITORING EQUIPMENT ACROSS THE CITY CENTRE AND RING ROAD.





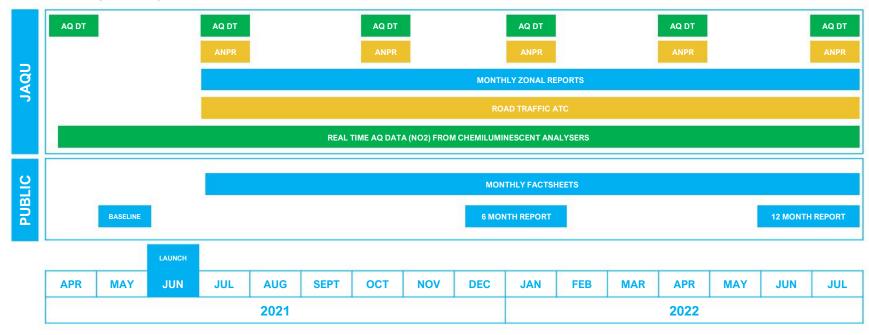


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### Key outputs of the monitoring and evaluation programme

#### **TIMELINE TO MID 2022**





### The Clean Air Zone

### **BIRMINGHAM'S ECONOMY**



### The impact of COVID on Birmingham's economy

#### **OVERALL RECOVERY AND INDEX OF SPEND**

This index looks at everyone who was in the city centre at any time of the day, compared to a pre-lockdown index of 100. The spend index looks at relevant offline sales made in the city centre at any time of the day compared to a pre-lockdown baseline of 100.

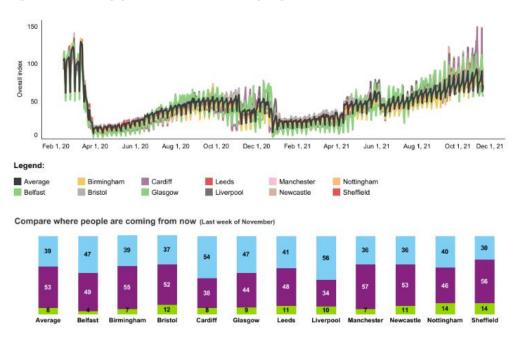


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### Birmingham's recovery compared with the other core cities

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#### **WEEKDAY INDEX**

This index looks at daytime footfall on weekdays as a proxy for the return of workers, compared to a pre-lockdown baseline of 100.



# Where were visitors coming from before lockdown?

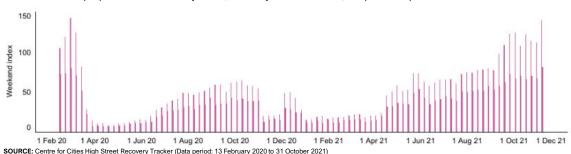






#### **WEEKEND INDEX**

This index looks at people who were in the city centre, in the daytime at weekends, compared to a pre-lockdown baseline of 100.



Where were weekend visitors coming from before lockdown?



Where are weekend visitors coming from now? (last week of November)





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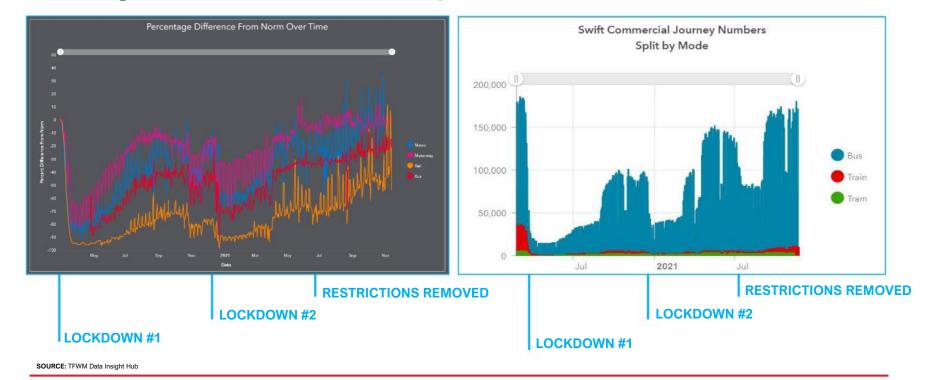




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### Changes in modes of transport since 2020





### Birmingham's Clean Air Zone

### **NEXT STEPS**



Other cities are using similar schemes to address the challenge of poor air quality

#### **CLEAN AIR ZONES**

LIVE	2021	2022	BEYOND
YORK Non charging CAZ January 2021 BATH CAZ C March 2021 BIRMINGHAM CAZ D 1 June 2021 PORTSMOUTH CAZ B 29 November 2021		BRADFORD CAZ C January 2022 BRISTOL CAZ D G. MANCHESTER CAZ C SHEFFIELD CAZ C NEWCASTLE CAZ C	LIVERPOOL CAZ TBC
OTHER SIMILAR C	HARGING SCHEMES		

LONDON ULEZ	OXFORD ZEZ	GLASGOW LEZ
April 2019 ULEZ expansion 25 October 2021	2021	EDINBURGH LEZ
23 October 2021		<b>DUNDEE</b> LEZ
		ABERDEEN LEZ



### The Clean Air Zone as an enabler of change



# Additional programmes supported by the Clean Air Zone team include:

- Significant expansion of the city's electric vehicle charging points
- Purchase of 20 hydrogen buses to encourage the adoption of the technology in the city
- Purchase of up to 50 electric hackney carriages to encourage adoption of this technology within the taxi fleet

### A long term ambition for zero emissions

The council is committed to taking a leading role, playing its part, and working with individuals, communities, businesses, partners, and others across the city and region to act now on the causes and impacts of the climate emergency.

The ambition was set for the council and city to become net zero carbon by 2030. This is the city's 'route to zero' (R20).





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