

Appendix 2 – Creating a Physically Active City Forum Highlight Report

1.1 Context

The forum met virtually on 12 August 2020, the second meeting since business as usual activity had paused following the COVID-19 emergency response. The forum noted progress against actions and, also where progress had been delayed or halted due to the COVID-19 emergency response.

1.2 Current Circumstance

The August meeting of the Forum was chaired by Cllr Waseem Zaffar, Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment. It was attended by 16 participants. The meeting maintained focus on the impact of COVID-19, and discussed the impact on participation, impact on programme delivery, the Emergency Transport Plan and the Emergency Travel Fund. The agenda included:

- An overview of the test and Trace system
- An introduction to BHealthy, a series of translated, practical resources to support partners working directly with communities to reduce the risk of their communities becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. Physical activity forms part of the content and forum members are involved in content development and webinar delivery
- An update on the BeHeard COVID-19 impact survey, highlighting the physical activity levels and behaviours reported by Birmingham citizens. At the point of presentation 50% reported participating in less physical activity now than pre COVID-19, with walking being the most popular form of physical activity.
- An update on the Emergency Transport Plan and emergency travel fund with detail on the 4 big moves that underpin its actions.
- The forum members took part in a workshop to explore how they could support the emergency transport plan with ideas and resources to enable the best possible outcomes for citizens of Birmingham
- Updates on forum work areas, including Future Parks Accelerator, Partnership for Healthy Cities (Bloomberg), The Active Wellbeing Society's Activity Communities Local Delivery Pilot and the Birmingham Community Sport and Physical Activity Alliance, co-ordinated by Sport Birmingham.

1.3 Next Steps and Delivery

- Continue to engage and support partners on FPA, Bloomberg, and BCSPAA.