

Equality Analysis

Birmingham City Council Analysis Report

EA Name	WMITA Strategic Transport Plan - "Movement For Growth" - Endorsement Of The Document
Directorate	Economy
Service Area	Transportation Services Growth And Transportation
Type	Amended Function
EA Summary	<p>The West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (WMITA) is responsible for formulating the transport strategy and policy; incorporating strategic highways, Midland Metro, freight, rail, bus and rapid transit networks.</p> <p>The WMITA has developed a strategic transport plan - 'Movement for Growth' - aimed at delivering strong economic growth. This plan forms the metropolitan area's overarching Urban Mobility Plan; around which each authority can develop their own bespoke strategies which suit their needs but fit under the umbrella of the overarching objectives for the West Midlands. The document outlines the need for the West Midlands plan and what it contains.</p> <p>Birmingham City Council have been being consulted on the Plan, and are now being asked to:</p> <p>Endorse Movement for Growth, which was approved by the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority on 17th December 2015.</p> <p>Support the use of Movement for Growth to inform future transportation capital investment projects and programmes in Birmingham.</p> <p>Agree that Movement for Growth is presented to Full Council for adoption as City Council transport policy and to amend the constitution as appropriate.</p> <p>The expected outcome is that the City Council endorses the plan.</p> <p>This EA is an updated version of EA000868.</p>
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Introduction

The report records the information that has been submitted for this equality analysis in the following format.

Overall Purpose

This section identifies the purpose of the Policy and which types of individual it affects. It also identifies which equality strands are affected by either a positive or negative differential impact.

Relevant Protected Characteristics

For each of the identified relevant protected characteristics there are three sections which will have been completed.

- Impact
- Consultation
- Additional Work

If the assessment has raised any issues to be addressed there will also be an action planning section.

The following pages record the answers to the assessment questions with optional comments included by the assessor to clarify or explain any of the answers given or relevant issues.

1 Activity Type

The activity has been identified as a Amended Function.

2 Overall Purpose

2.1 What the Activity is for

<p>What is the purpose of this Function and expected outcomes?</p>	<p>The West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (WMITA) is responsible for formulating the transport strategy and policy; incorporating strategic highways, Midland Metro, freight, rail, bus and rapid transit networks.</p> <p>The WMITA has developed a strategic transport plan Movement for Growth - aimed at delivering strong economic growth. This plan forms the metropolitan area's overarching Urban Mobility Plan; around which each authority can develop their own bespoke strategies which suit their needs but fit under the umbrella of the overarching objectives for the West Midlands. The document outlines the need for the West Midlands plan and what it contains.</p> <p>The main aspects of the plan include:</p> <p>A set of objectives and policies for transport improvements:</p> <p>Introduce a fully integrated rail and rapid transit network that connects the main centres with quick, frequent services, and which is connected into the wider local bus networks through high quality multi-modal interchanges; Increase the number of people that are within 45 minutes travel time by public transport to a minimum of three main centres and the two HS2 stations;</p> <p>Reduce transports impact on our environment improving air quality, reducing carbon emissions and improving road safety;</p> <p>Use transport improvements to enhance the public realm and attractiveness of the areas centres;</p> <p>Ensure that walking and cycling are a safe and attractive option for many journeys, especially short journeys below one or two miles, by delivering a strategic cycle network and enhancing local conditions for active travel;</p> <p>Facilitate the efficient movement of people on the areas transport networks to enable access to education and employment opportunities and health and leisure services;</p> <p>Enable businesses to connect to supply chains, key markets and strategic gateways through improved strategic connections by road and rail;</p> <p>Maintain and develop the areas transport infrastructure and services effectively to help ensure that they are safe and easily accessible for all.</p> <p>Consultation on the draft version of Movement for Growth took place Autumn 2015. All Members were informed of the consultation and provided with a full and summary version of the document. Comments were invited and Members were encouraged to respond. The Economy, Skills and Sustainability Overview & Scrutiny Committee received a presentation on the strategy from West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (WMITA) officers on 16th October 2015.</p> <p>Consultation on the draft version of Movement for Growth was undertaken with officers in other service areas including Highways, Planning & Regeneration and Environmental Health and comments received helped to develop the Councils response which was approved by the Cabinet Member for Development, Transport & the Economy on 15th October 2015.</p> <p>Officers from City Finance and Legal & Democratic Services have been involved in the preparation of the report.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members for Inclusion and Community Safety and Sustainability were consulted on this report.</p> <p>Birmingham City Council have been asked to endorse the plan, and the expected outcome is that the City Council endorses the plan.</p>
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For each strategy, please decide whether it is going to be significantly aided by the Function.

Public Service Excellence	Yes
A Fair City	Yes

A Prosperous City	Yes
A Democratic City	Yes

2.2 Individuals affected by the policy

Will the policy have an impact on service users/stakeholders?	Yes
Will the policy have an impact on employees?	Yes
Will the policy have an impact on wider community?	Yes

2.3 Analysis on Initial Assessment

An initial Equalities Analysis has been carried out, and it has been considered that none of the protected characteristics are affected by the City Councils endorsement of the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority's Strategic Transport Plan: 'Movement for Growth'.

The City Council are being asked to endorse a Strategic Transport Plan being developed by an external organisation, the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority. It is the ITA's own responsibility to consider equalities issues on their own documents.

The West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority have carried out their own Equalities Assessment on the document.

3 Concluding Statement on Full Assessment

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4 Review Date

16/01/17

5 Action Plan

There are no relevant issues, so no action plans are currently required.