

Transport Delivery Committee

Date: Monday 10 February 2020
Time: 1.00 pm **Public meeting** Yes
Venue: Room 116, 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3SD

Membership

Councillor Kath Hartley (Chair)	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Richard Worrall (Vice-Chair)	Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Timothy Huxtable (Vice-Chair)	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Pervez Akhtar	Coventry City Council
Councillor Shaheen Akhtar	Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Samiya Akhter	Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Adrian Andrew	Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Mohammed Fazal	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Celia Hibbert	City of Wolverhampton Council
Councillor Diana Holl-Allen	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Les Jones	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Chaman Lal	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Roger Lawrence	City of Wolverhampton Council
Councillor Keith Linnecor	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Mary Locke	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Ted Richards	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Alan Taylor	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor David Welsh	Coventry City Council

The quorum for this meeting is seven members

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AGENDA

No.	Item	Presenting	Pages	Time
Meeting business item				
1.	Apologies for absence	Chair	None	
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are reminded of the need to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they have in an item being discussed during the course of the meeting. In addition, the receipt of any gift or hospitality should be declared where the value of it was thought to have exceeded £25 (gifts) or £40 (hospitality).	Chair	None	
3.	Chair's Remarks	Chair	None	
4.	Minutes of the last meeting	Chair	1 - 8	
5.	Action Tracker	Chair	9 - 10	
6.	Matters Arising	Chair	11 - 16	
7.	Correspondence/ Petitions	Chair	None	
8.	Bus Alliance Update	Edmund Salt	17 - 24	
9.	Air Quality, Congestion, and Sustainability Lead Member Reference Group Annual Report	Councillor Worrall	25 - 30	
10.	Finance and Performance Lead Member Reference Group Annual Report	Councillor Akhtar	31 - 34	
11.	Notices of Motion To consider any notices of motion by the deadline of 12 noon on 6 February 2020.	Chair	None	
12.	Questions To consider any questions submitted by the deadline of 12 noon on 6 February 2020 for written questions and 12 noon on 7 February 2020 for oral questions.	Chair	None	
13.	Forward Plan	Chair	35 - 36	
14.	Date of Next Meeting -16 March 2020		None	

15.	<p>Exclusion of the Public and Press [To pass the following resolution: That in accordance with Section 100A4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the business affairs of any particular person(including the authority holding that information)]</p>	Chair	None	
16.	<p>WMCA Board Transport Reports (for information only)</p>	Laura Shoaf	To Follow	

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**West Midlands
Combined Authority**

Transport Delivery Committee

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Minutes

Present

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In Attendance

Councillor Angus Lees	WMCA's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Item Title No.

54. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Shaheen Akhtar, Samiya Akhter, Adrian Andrew, Mohammed Fazal and Keith Linnecor.

55. Action Tracker

The action tracker was noted.

56. Chair's Remarks

(i) UK Bus Summit- 6 February 2020

The Chair reported that she and Councillor Taylor as members of Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group would be attending the forthcoming UK Bus Summit along with Councillor Hibbert.

(ii) Increase in Bus Patronage

The Chair reported that she was pleased to report that the latest DfT bus patronage figures for the West Midlands indicated an increase in passenger journeys by 8 million in the year ending

March 2019 which the Bus Alliance would be examining in more detail.

(iii) Metro Extension opening to Centenary Square

The Chair informed members that the Metro Extension from Birmingham City Centre to Centenary Square had opened one week early on 11 December 2019 and the new stop had been named 'Library'.

57. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

58. Matters Arising

Minute No.45 Safer Travel Update

Councillor Lal asked if he could be provided with a breakdown of the public transport crime figures that were referred to in the Safer Travel Update report.

The Director of Integrated Network Services, Pete Bond undertook to follow-up the request with Safer Travel Team.

59. Correspondence/ Petitions

A petition report was submitted by the Senior Development Manager that required consideration by the committee in accordance with the new WMCA petitions protocol.

The petition, received on behalf of Birmingham Friends of the Earth objected to the A435 Alcester Road/ Moseley Road and Highgate Middleway Bus Revitalisation Project, had received over 250 signatures and had been considered by the Officer Petition Panel and the Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group.

It was noted that the petition had been submitted to Birmingham City Council's Chair of the Sustainability and Transport Overview Scrutiny Committee but had been forwarded to TfWM for action as the project owner with overall responsibility for the scheme. However, the final decision on the scheme would be taken by Birmingham City Council as the Local Highway Authority.

[Councillor Huxtable reported that he was a member of Birmingham City Council's Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and declared an interest in this matter in that the decision taken could be the subject of a future 'call-in'].

The Lead Petitioner, Martin Stride, Birmingham Friends of The Earth outlined the reasons for the petition which related to the above scheme (following public consultation) on plans by Birmingham City Council to widen stretches of the Moseley Road through Balsall Heath requiring the destruction of trees and the narrowing of footways . He/ petitioners believed the scheme would lead to a worse environment for pedestrian and cyclists. The petition asked that Birmingham City Council halt plans to widen parts of

the Moseley Road in Balsall Heath.

The Senior Development Manager, Danny Gouveia responded to the issues raised by the petition, outlined the emerging scheme changes (mitigation measures) following consultation and the wider supporting evidence base for the project and the conclusions of the Officers Petition Panel.

The Senior Development Manager advised the committee that a meeting had been arranged next week with Birmingham Friends to discuss the issues raised in the petition.

The Chair added that all matters identified by the Officers Petition Panel would be investigated.

Further to enquiries regarding the proposed station on the Camp Hill Line at Balsall Heath, it was noted that a briefing note on the station would be provided to the committee.

Resolved :

1. That the petition submitted by Birmingham Friends of the Earth raising objections to the A435 Alcester Road/Moseley Road and Highgate Middleway Bus Revitalisation project be noted;
2. That no further action be taken on the petition based upon the mitigations proposed and the findings of the Officer Petition Panel be agreed;
3. That the full implications of the proposals, including consultation responses and the issues raised within the petition be considered with a full business case by the TfWM Network Programme Board and Birmingham City Council's Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment be noted;
4. That a final decision to proceed with the project be retained by Birmingham City Council as Local Highway Authority via the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment be noted and
5. That the petition be submitted to the Birmingham City Council's Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment (to include the decision and findings of this committee) for representation in final decision making on the scheme be agreed.

60. Presentation : Ring and Ride

The committee received a presentation from Vinay Parmar, Managing Director of National Express Accessible Transport that provided an update on the accessible transport service provided by the company that is commonly known as 'Ring and Ride'.

The presentation outlined the vision for Ring and Ride, observations and conclusions since taking over the service in August 2019 and the four key

areas of the transformation plan which were to improve the customer journey to appeal to wider audience, raise operational standards, drive safety and embed excellence, make the organisation a great place to work and to continue to invest in staff training, vehicles and facilities.

Vinay Parmar reported that he envisaged the changes being implemented would have a real impact for customers within the next three to six months.

In relation to an enquiry from the Chair regarding the involvement of TDC Members with the Ring and Ride User Groups, Vinay reported that he was in the process of setting up User Groups and undertook to report back on the role he envisaged for TDC Members.

The Chair thanked Vinay Parmar for his informative presentation and reported that the committee would welcome further updates to future meetings.

Resolved : That the presentation be noted.

61. Financial Monitoring Report

The committee considered a report of the Finance Director that set out the financial position as at 30 November 2019 with regards to the Combined Authority's Transport Delivery Revenue and Capital Budgets.

Councillor Akhtar, Lead Member for Finance and Performance, introduced the report and highlighted the report's recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That the year to date net revenue expenditure to the end of November 2019 shows a favourable variance of £1.403m compared to budget and the forecast position shows a favourable movement of £1.972m from budget be noted and
2. That the total capital expenditure to the end of November 2019 for the overall transport programme was £85.1m, which was £21.8m below the year to date budget of £106.9m and the annual forecast position shows a favourable movement of £54.5m from budget be noted.

62. Capital Programme Delivery Monitoring Report

The committee considered a report of the Director of Development and Delivery that provided an update on the approved TfWM led 2019/20 programmes and projects.

Councillor Akhtar, Lead Member for Finance and Performance introduced the report and highlighted achievements with regards to completed elements of the 2019/20 Capital Programme during November and December 2019 and the report's recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That the achievements since the 4 November meeting of the

Transport Delivery committee set out in section 3 of the report be noted;

2. That progress of deliverables and outturn of the 2019/20 Capital Programme be noted and
3. That the variation to the baseline programme as referred to in section 4 of the report be noted.

63. Rail Business Report

The committee considered a report of the Director of Rail, Transport for the West Midlands that provided an update relating to the performance, operation and delivery of rail services in the West Midlands including rail operator partnership agreements and West Midlands Rail Executive (WMRE) activity.

Councillor Lawrence, Lead Member for Rail and Metro introduced the report and highlighted key areas within the report.

Tom Painter, Head of Rail Franchising and Partnerships, West Midlands Rail Executive, updated the committee on various rail matters since the report had been published.

In relation to an enquiry from the Minority Vice-Chair, Councillor Huxtable regarding the deferment of planning approval for Moseley and Hazewell Stations due to Network Rail requesting more information and whether the committee could be provided with further details, the Head of Rail Franchising and Partnerships undertook to find out more and circulate a briefing note to members.

In relation to further enquiry from Councillor Huxtable as to whether TfWM could speak to Birmingham City Council regarding their Urban Centres Framework as this did not appear to adequately account for the Camp Hill rail line, the Head of Rail Franchising undertook to contact Birmingham City Council on the matter.

In relation to an enquiry from the Chair regarding the funding position for Darlaston and Willenhall Stations, the Head of Rail Franchising and Partnerships reported that he would provide an update to the committee following the meeting.

Resolved : That the contents of the report be noted.

64. Rail and Metro Lead Member Reference Group Annual Report

The committee considered the Annual Report of the Rail and Metro Lead Member Reference Group that provided an update on progress to date with the work of the group.

Councillor Lawrence, Lead Member for Rail and Metro introduced the report.

Resolved: That progress to date with the work of the Lead Member and Lead

Member Reference Group for Rail and Metro be noted.

65. Cycling Charter Progress Report

The committee considered a report of the Cycling and Walking Manager that reported on matters relating to the performance, operation and delivery of TfWM led initiatives within the West Midlands Cycling Charter Action Plan.

Councillor Holl-Allen, Lead Member for Safe and Sustainable Travel, introduced the report and highlighted issues of interest to the committee.

The Cycling and Walking Development Officer, Hannah Dayan, outlined progress undertaken on key activities since the last report was considered in June 2019. This included but was not limited to, the work undertaken by the Cycling and Walking Ambassador to promote cycling and walking in the region, the establishment of the Better Streets Community Fund and the Network Cycle Parking Programme.

In relation to an enquiry from the Chair regarding her request to be provided with a list of all applicants to the Better Streets Community Fund, the Director of Integrated Network Services, Pete Bond, reported that a comprehensive list was being compiled and this would be shared with TDC members as soon as possible.

Councillor Huxtable reported that he had been contacted by Councillor Phil Davis who had expressed concern regarding the cycle lockers being replaced with bike stands at Yardley Wood Station which meant people were unable to secure their bikes in particular electric bikes and queried why the cycle lockers had been removed.

The Cycling and Walking Development Officer reported that the cycle facilities had changed at Yardley Wood Station due to issues pertaining to the safety and security of the lockers but would investigate how e-bikes and batteries could be secured at the station.

Resolved: That progress to date of the TfWM led initiatives of the West Midlands Cycling Charter Action Plan be noted.

66. Safe and Sustainable Lead Member Reference Group Annual Report

The committee considered the Annual Report of the Safe and Sustainable Travel Lead Member Reference Group that set out the work undertaken by the group during the year.

Councillor Holl-Allen, Lead Member for Safe and Sustainable Travel introduced the report and outlined the key areas of focus including member visits undertaken in 2019 and planned for 2020.

Resolved : That the report be noted.

67. Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group Annual Report

The committee considered the Annual Report of the Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group.

The Chair and Lead Member for Putting Passengers First outlined the report and conveyed her thanks to Councillors Fazal, Locke and Taylor for attending the many meetings held during the year to consider petitions and shelter appeals amongst other matters. The Chair also conveyed her appreciation to officers for supporting the group.

Resolved : That the contents of the report be noted.

68. West Midlands Combined Authority Petitions Summary

The committee considered a report of the Customer Relations Manager that provided a summary of the petitions received by the WMCA from the period October 2019 to December 2019.

It was noted that three petitions had been received during the period and all petitions were below 250 signatures details of which were outlined in the report.

Resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.

69. Notices of Motion

None received.

70. Questions

None received.

71. Forward Plan

The committee considered a report on the agenda items to be submitted to future meetings.

Resolved : That the report be noted.

72. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved : That in accordance with Section 100A4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

73. Snow Hill Third Access Project

The committee considered a report of the Director of Rail that set out the case for pausing the Snow Hill Third Access Project.

Resolved: That the Snow Hill Third Access Project be paused after the completion of detailed design (GRIP 5) stage for the reasons stated in the report.

The meeting ended at 3.25 pm.

Transport Delivery Committee – Action Tracker

Meeting Date	Minute No.	Action	Officer	Completed
6 January 2020	58. Matters Arising	Cllr Lal to be provided with the breakdown of the public transport crime figures referred to in the Safer Travel Update Report (4 Nov).	Mark Babington	13 Jan – information provided to Cllr Lal and to TDC members on 27 Jan.
6 January 2020	59. Correspondence/Petitions	A briefing note to be provided to members on the proposed station on the Camp Hill Line at Balsall Heath.	Gavin Smith	17 Jan – Information provided to TDC
6 January 2020	63. Rail Business Report	Cllr Huxtable to be provided with a briefing note re: the deferment of planning approval for Moseley and Hazewell Stations.	Tom Painter	17 Jan- Information provided to TDC
6 January 2020	63. Rail Business Report	Tom Painter to speak to BCC regarding their Urban Centres Framework re: the Camp Hill Line and advise Cllr Huxtable.	Tom Painter	9 Jan -Information provided to Cllr Huxtable.

6 January 2020	63. Rail Business Report	TDC Chair asked for members to be updated on the funding position for Darlaston and Willenhall Stations.	Tom Painter	17 Jan – Information provided to TDC (further info to follow)
6 January 2020	65. Cycling Charter Progress Report	Chair to be provided with a list of all applicants to the Better Streets Community Fund.	Hannah Dayan	7 Jan - info provided to TDC Chair by Claire Williams.
6 January 2020	65. Cycling Charter Progress Report	Hannah Dayan to investigate how e-bikes and batteries are secured at Yardley Wood Station and advise Cllr Huxtable.	Hannah Dayan	Investigations on-going.

Transport Delivery Committee

Date	10 February 2020
Report title	Petition Update Note A435 Alcester Road/Moseley Road and Highgate Middleway Bus Priority Revitalisation
TfWM Director	Pete Bond - Director of Integrated Network Services Pete.Bond@tfwm.org.uk Anne Shaw – Director of Network Resilience Anne.Shaw@tfwm.org.uk
Accountable Employee	Danny Gouveia Senior Development Manager Danny.Gouveia@tfwm.org.uk
Report has been considered by	Transport Delivery Committee only

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

- (i) Note the petition submitted by Birmingham Friends of the Earth, considered by 6 January Transport Delivery Committee raising objections to the A435 Alcester Road/Moseley Road and Highgate Middleway Bus Priority Revitalisation project;
- (ii) Note a change to the project relating to tree removal and its associated interaction with the petition report; and
- (iii) Note a final decision to proceed with the project will be retained by Birmingham City Council (BCC) as Local Highway Authority by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment through a Cabinet Member report.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 At 6 January Transport Delivery Committee (“TDC”), members considered a petition received on behalf of Birmingham Friends of the Earth (BFoE) objecting to the A435 Alcester Road/Moseley Road and Highgate Middleway Bus Priority Revitalisation project (“the project”). The petition has been submitted following a public consultation exercise completed in October & November 2019. The January report can be found at <https://governance.wmca.org.uk/documents/s3796/Petition%20BFoE.pdf>
- 1.2 Consideration of the petition followed new protocol agreed at September Transport Delivery Committee (TDC) whereby petitions receiving over 250 signatures are referred to TDC via Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group.

- 1.3 This report advises a change to the project design, reflecting further project development which affects TDC's consideration of the petition.

2. Background

- 1.4 Since the January TDC report, officers have continued to review the project to finalise a full business case (FBC) pursuant to submission to Birmingham City Council's Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment who will make the final decision on the project.
- 1.5 In developing the FBC, continuous review of the project design has taken place to both take on board the continued engagement with the local community and stakeholders but also to refine the technical design.

Tree Impact

- 1.6 TDC will recall the scheme consulted upon included the removal of six mature trees through Balsall Heath. Following consultation and further design review, it was considered possible to retain three trees meaning that only three trees would require removal. The TDC report included a visual tree plan (shown in annex 1 of this update) showing the trees that 4, 5 and 6 could be retained.
- 1.7 TDC was also advised that, following detailed site investigations to identify tree pit locations, it will be possible to replant 16 trees through Balsall Heath local centre (as well as further tree planting along Highgate Middleway) to mitigate the impact of tree loss. This would be complemented by further soft landscaping features incorporating greenery as part of the wider public realm scheme.
- 1.8 On this basis, TDC accepted the recommendation of the officer petition panel that *'the proposed reduction in tree removal and replacement tree strategy would, in principle, address the issues set out within the petition around tree impact. This would be subject to final confirmation of the tree/landscaping scheme to be taken to, and considered by, Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) Key Network Board and the BCC Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment as part of the FBC'*.
- 1.9 Following detailed site investigations, however, it will now unfortunately be necessary to remove additional trees in order to implement the project. This follows review of the horizontal alignment through Balsall Heath which identifies the need to extend the merge point where the proposed northbound bus lane joins the general traffic lane (outside Balsall Heath Library).
- 1.10 There are two options to achieve the requisite merge length; both have impacts on trees:

Option 1

- 1.11 This option would necessitate the removal of two trees, adjacent to Lime Grove on the east side of the carriageway. These trees are referenced as trees 4 & 5 in annex 1. This effectively

reverts the segment of Moseley Road to the original alignment consulted upon albeit still retaining tree 6 on the corner of Moseley Road and [Old] Moseley Road.

- 1.12 This option carries additional benefits in allowing a new push crossing facility to be installed outside Moseley Road baths and the relocation of an existing bus stop outside the baths to a point further north. These elements have been welcomed by stakeholders and were in the original consultation scheme but removed in order to retain trees.

Option 2

- 1.13 The option would necessitate the removal of a tree on the west side of the carriageway immediately north of Balsall Heath Library, outside 'Gurdwara Guru Ramdas Singh Sabha'. This tree has previously not been identified for removal during consultation. This option would require minor additional footway incursion outside the Library. An image of the tree is shown as tree 7 in annex 1.
- 1.14 TfWM officers now intend to work with BCC tree and highway officers to further review the horizontal alignment and determine the most suitable option for consideration by BCC's Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.
- 1.15 However, on the basis of a maximum of two additional trees being removed (resulting in a maximum loss of five mature trees through Balsall Heath) it is considered that the proposed replanting of semi-mature 16 street trees and further soft landscaping remains sufficient to mitigate the tree impact. That notwithstanding, further opportunities for tree planting on side roads along Moseley Road will reviewed and identified to BCC's Cabinet Member in the final FBC and Cabinet Member report.
- 1.16 On this basis, TDC is again asked to take no further action on the petition. The BFoE petition will form part of, and reported within, the FBC to be considered by BCC's Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.
- 1.17 As outlined above, the BCC Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment will make the final decision on the scheme, balancing the loss of trees against the benefits of the scheme, including mitigations. This will be covered in a Cabinet Member report.

3. Financial Implications

- 1.18 There are no financial implications as a direct consequence of this report. The full financial implications of the project would be covered within the FBC.

4. Legal Implications

- 1.19 There are no legal implications as a direct consequent of this report. The full legal implications would be covered within the FBC.

5. Impact on Delivery of Strategic Transport Plan

- 1.20 The project is being brought forward to deliver on the objectives of the Strategic Transport Plan. The scheme is a specific output of the 2026 Delivery Plan.

6. Equalities Implications

- 1.21 An equality assessment has been completed and would be included within the Full Business Case. The assessment does, however, conclude that there are no aspects of the scheme which could contribute to inequality. The facilities and measures proposed are for all users and non are excluded.

7. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 1.22 There are no inclusive growth implications as a direct consequent of this report. The full inclusive growth implications would be covered within the FBC.

8. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

- 1.23 The petition relates to the project's impact through Balsall Heath, covering the wards of Balsall Heath West.

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Transport Delivery Committee

Date	10 February 2020
Report Title	Bus Alliance Update
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Accountable employee(s)	Edmund Salt, Network Development Manager Email: Edmund.salt@tfwm.org.uk Tel: 0121 214 7305
Report Considered by	Chair of Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Transport Delivery Committee is recommended:

1. To note the content of the report and current status of the West Midlands Bus Alliance.
2. To submit the report to the West Midlands Combined Authority Board for information.

Purpose of Report

1. To report matters relating to the governance, operation, delivery and performance of the West Midlands Bus Alliance.

West Midlands Bus Alliance Board Governance

2. Cllr Ian Ward has been asked to join the Board in his capacity as the Portfolio Holder for Transport, replacing Cllr Roger Lawrence on the Board.
3. The Chief Executive of CPT UK, Graham Vidler, has joined the Board as the representative for CPT UK.
4. The new Community Transport Operators Panel (CTOP) representative on the Board is Chris Busst, from Shencare Community Transport.

A Bolder Bus Alliance 2020

5. The West Midlands Bus Alliance formed in September 2015 and adopted 14 original objectives (aligned closely to the West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan) for the five years to 2020, against which success could be judged. There was a refresh of the Bus Alliance in 2017, with a further 50 deliverables set out and adopted to improve travel for bus passengers in the region. The success and progress of the Bus Alliance against the original objectives is detailed in the following table.

Objective		We Did (31 December 2019)	Red, Amber, Green Rating
Outputs	Zero or ultra-low emissions with every other bus at least Euro VI.	62 per cent of the bus fleet is Euro VI through a combination of new buses and bus retrofit. Commitment to get all buses at least Euro VI by April 2021	
	More intuitively understandable core turn-up-and-go routes.	29 Platinum routes which provide passengers with an enhanced user experience and 2 partnership routes with branded 'West Midlands Bus' livery offering a turn up and go service.	
	Fare rises of no more the RPI +1% per annum.	The overall fares basket has met this. Examples for National Express shown are within RPI per annum increases: 2015 Adult NX Daysaver £4.20 2020 Adult NX Daysaver £4.60 2015 Adult 1-week Travelcard £16.50 2020 Adult 1-week Travelcard £17.50 2015 Child Daysaver £2.90 2020 Child Daysaver £2.30	
	Discounted young person's travel for everyone under 19 years old.	Child Concessionary Fares Scheme Discounted travel to all 17-18 year olds including apprentices	
	Integrated ticketless travel in line with intelligent mobility policy.	cEMV contactless payment solutions are now available on Diamond Buses, West Midlands Metro and NXWM services. A single capped solution is not available across all operators, but account-based ticketing and best value capped is being developed.	
	Network Development Plans to support the economic objectives of the next decade.	75% of the region have Network Development Plan created, with 2 areas to be developed.	
	Increased investment in highways infrastructure to aid journey times and reliability.	£25m invested across Birmingham (i.e. Harborne Road), Wolverhampton (i.e. Willenhall Road), Dudley and Solihull (i.e. Lode Lane). £30m secured in principle for further investment in bus priority and highways	

		infrastructure (i.e. Dudley and Birmingham).	
	Improvement on board through improved seating, next stop announcements and Wi-Fi.	293 new vehicles with improved seating, next stop announcements and Wi-Fi, along with a further 115 new buses	
Outcomes	Customer satisfaction levels remain over 85%.	2015 – 85% 2019 – 84% Up in all sub areas of satisfaction.	
	Improvement in peak time journey speeds.	2015 – 19.4 km/h 2019 – 17.4 km/h (-10 per cent) Improvements on routes with bus priority implemented (i.e. Harborne Road)	
	Increase bus patronage by 5%	-3 per cent (275.9m / 267.1m), but an increase in the last 2 years	
Impacts	The financial benefits of increased patronage contribute towards infrastructure and buses.	Over £85 million invested by operators in new buses since the Alliance launched.	

6. Going beyond 2020, the specific focus of the Bus Alliance is to deliver improvements that makes travel for bus passengers great, with our aspirations and headline commitments for bus in the West Midlands to be:

- **The greenest**
- **The best value**
- **The simplest ticketing**
- **The most reliable**
- **The safest**

A Bolder Bus Alliance 2020 - Headline Commitments

- All Buses to be at least Euro VI with 10% of the fleet zero emission
- Swift account-based ticketing and best value capping
- Swift One App as a complete mobility solution
- A new and enhanced approach to managing bus journey speeds for the passenger
- One single source of communication and information that passengers can trust
- Continuing to improve the safety of bus travel

7. Under the Bus Alliance aspirations and headline commitments, will be specific commitments that the different partners will work together to deliver for bus passengers. These specific commitments will be accountable and monitored by the Bus Alliance Board and the Alliance sub-groups of partners:

- Communications and Marketing Steering Group
- Bus Performance Board
- Bus Operators Panel
- Bus Operators Group (Ticketing)
- Safer Travel Partnership

- Community Transport Operator Panel
- Bus Passenger Satisfaction Steering Group
- Multi-Modal Steering Group

8. The specific commitments are being developed with partners for agreement by the Bus Alliance Board at its 5th February 2020 meeting; before a public launch in February 2020. This will set out the commitments for the next 18 months of the Bus Alliance to bus passengers in the West Midlands.

Passenger Satisfaction Autumn 2019 results

9. The figures by independent watchdog Transport Focus from their autumn 2019 independent survey are expected to be released on 26th March 2020. The 2018 results showed 84 per cent of the region's bus passengers are satisfied with their overall journey. Although this was one percentage below the 2017 overall journey score, improvements had been seen in each of the sub-criteria, including a high 66 per cent of passengers – up 2 per cent on the previous year – who felt the cost of travel was good value.
10. Transport Focus is holding its Bus Passenger Survey briefing event in Birmingham on Thursday 26 March 2020. This is the 10th anniversary of the survey, which measures what over 40,000 bus passengers have to say. The event will be held from 11am to 1pm at Aston Villa Football Club. For more information, or to attend contact Yvonne.Fox-Burmby@transportfocus.org.uk.

Achievements 2019

11. An achievements brochure of the successes and deliverables by the Bus Alliance in 2019 has been produced. This is to be published in February 2020, following approval by the Bus Alliance Board at its meeting on the 5th February 2020. The achievements brochure acknowledges the successes from partners in improving bus travel in the West Midlands, whilst recognising there are still challenges ahead and that the Bus Alliance will need to continue to evolve to improve bus services for passengers. Some of the key improvements in the past 6 months are described in the rest of this report.

Tackle congestion and make bus journeys quicker

12. In very challenging times with unprecedented levels of development works, resulting in additional congestion particularly, but not exclusively around Birmingham City Centre, Alliance partners have made really good progress in tackling congestion hot spots across the bus network and have continued to secure investment from Government and other funding sources. Notable successes in the past 6 months include bus priority funding in Birmingham and the Black Country, as well as the opening of the Regional Transport Coordination Centre (RTCC).
13. £30 million funding package to upgrade bus routes across Birmingham and the Black Country. The funding package will go towards the creation of new bus lanes, upgrades to junctions and better bus stops to improve journey times and reliability. Improvements will be focused on Birmingham city centre and links to south and west Birmingham and Dudley. It is expected that the improved bus priority infrastructure and investment will benefit 73 million passengers a year.

14. The RTCC was officially opened on 17th January 2020 by the Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps MP. The new centre provides a single hub for the West Midlands transport authorities and agencies, emergency services and bus, rail and tram operators to manage the network during major events and incidents. Managed by Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), the RTCC is the first of its kind to bring together real time information across all modes of transport in one place working with existing control centres around the West Midlands to provide up to the minute journey information, better alternative options during disruption and more reliable journey times for residents, businesses and visitors.

Improve bus emissions standards

15. We have seen continued investment in new buses by operators to tackle poor air quality in the region. National Express has invested £22 million on 75 new Euro VI smart hybrid Platinum double decker buses. These hi-spec new buses are operating on routes across the West Midlands and are also Low Carbon certified.

16. Landflight has invested £1.4 million in 10 new Euro VI buses operating in the Solihull area, becoming the first bus operator in the region to operate only Euro VI emission standard buses.

17. Bus operators have continued to deliver upgrades to existing buses through bus retrofits to achieve Euro VI equivalent standards. During 2019, over 500 buses were retrofit across six operators. Through a combination of new bus purchases and retrofit, over 60 per cent of the buses in the West Midlands were Euro VI or better at the end of 2019.

18. TfWM have made a bid to the DEFRA Air Quality Grant Scheme 2019/20 for 20 bus retrofits, to support smaller operators. An announcement on the outcome is expected by March 2020.

Make bus journeys better value

19. The largest operator in the region, National Express West Midlands, met the Alliance deliverable to limit fare raises to no more than inflationary levels.

Make it easier to catch the bus

20. As technology improved partners have been able to embrace new technology to make paying bus fares and catching the bus easier.

21. Contactless ticketing is thriving, with less than a year after National Express rolled out contactless ticket machines across all their buses, the 3 millionth customer payment was made. Other operators have continued to roll out contactless ticketing, whilst with TfWM support, all bus operators in the West Midlands will be able to offer contactless ticketing from Summer 2020.

22. The Swift smart travel card has been rolled out to Cannock Chase, so thousands of bus passengers can now benefit from Swift for pay-as-you-go on all Arriva bus services in the district.

23. Students at the Queen Alexandra College in Harborne are better able to travel independently on public transport, thanks to support offered by National Express West

Midlands. The operator has continued its annual offer, taking a bus to the college so that the students can learn how to travel safely and independently.

24. A DVD developed to assist with disability awareness has been used by several operators to help improve driver awareness and confidence in supporting passengers with a disability, both visible and non-visible. TfWM also has a range of accessibility products available for West Midlands residents. Free products include “please offer me a seat” badges, communication pocket guides, RNIB key fobs, and assistance cards with a range of messages that customers can keep with their ticket or pass. For more information and to order your free accessibility products visit wmnetwork.co.uk/seat

Shape the bus network to deliver economic growth

25. Network Development Plans (NDPs) for Bus have continued to be developed and rolled out across the region and reviewed annually, so that we ensure that both the current and future bus network meets local needs and has the flexibility to adapt to forecasted growth and change. Whilst the NDP for Bus in Dudley has been reviewed, the NDP for Bus in South and West Birmingham has been published, with the Walsall & Wolverhampton and Sandwell NDPs for Bus awaiting approval before their publication. A dedicated page for all the current and future NDPs for Bus can be found at: <https://www.tfwm.org.uk/operations/network-development-plans/>

26. The future of the West Midlands door-to-door transport service has been secured, as National Express Accessible Transport took over the operations and contracts in August 2019. This saw the 12,300 registered users in the region provided with continued support on essential services, following the administration of the former operator in March 2019.

27. Partners continued to support access to leisure and retail, with the biggest Boxing Day bus service outside London for over 200,000 shoppers, sports fans and those heading to work across the West Midlands. A total of 162 services ran thanks in part to a financial subsidy from TfWM and commercial operations by Diamond and National Express bus operators.

Make it more pleasant and safe to travel by bus

28. The region’s public transport network has seen crime fall by 5% in the six months between April and September 2019 and compared to figures for the same period last year, against a national trend of rising crime.

29. Our partner, the independent transport user watchdog, Transport Focus, urged people to ‘Give Bus a Go’ across the West Midlands in September 2019, as part of a campaign to encourage more journeys by bus with ‘buskettters’ recruited to try the bus and report their experiences.

30. Local school children helped to transform Walsall St Paul’s bus station by brightening it up with colourful flowers. The planters were installed as part of the £680,000 transformation of St Paul’s Bus Station which included new cycle racks, information screens, refurbished toilets and waiting area and rebrand in the region’s new West Midlands Bus red.

Financial Implications

31. There are no direct financial implications as a result of this update report. The Bus Alliance has been successful at bringing together development budget funding and in identifying additional funding sources through successful funding applications and operator investment, with further successful funding bids recently announced. Bus operators have invested in their buses to support the objective to improve bus emissions standards. DfT Clean Bus Technology Funding and Tackling Nitrogen Dioxide funding has also supported the objective to improve bus emissions standards. A £24.225m DfT Grant has been secured in principle to support further investment in highways infrastructure to improve bus journey times. The drawdown of the grant is contingent upon securing £4.225m of matched funding from local partners including TfWM. Any costs incurred by or support provided by TfWM as part of activity referred to in this report will be met from within agreed overall funding and resources.

Legal Implications

32. This report is for information only and there are no new direct legal implications arising.

Equality Implications

33. This report is for information only and there are no new equality implications.

Inclusive Growth Implications

34. This report is for information only; however, bus is a vital component to inclusive growth as it directly supports access to the labour market, and allows people to access education, employment and services. The flexibility of the bus network also makes bus the perfect means of providing public transport options in areas of growth, changing travel demand and new housing; directly supporting our West Midlands Housing Deal and Local Industrial Strategy. This means that buses are central to supporting regeneration, inclusive growth and social integration. Where there may not be a case for investing in permanent rail and light rail infrastructure, new bus infrastructure can be planned to connect new communities and support housing and jobs growth.

Geographical Area of Report's Implications

35. This report covers the constituent area of the Combined Authority but due to the importance of cross boundary services – into and out of the constituent area – partnership working with non-constituent and shire authorities is crucial in undertaking activities referred to in this report.

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West Midlands
Combined Authority

Transport Delivery Committee

Date	10 February 2020
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Recommendation for action or decision:

Transport Delivery Committee is recommended to:

Note the progress to date with the work of the Lead Member Reference Group for Air Quality, Congestion and Environmental Sustainability.

1. Purpose

1.1 To outline the work of the Air Quality, Congestion and Environmental Sustainability in 2019/20.

2. Background

2.1 The TDC Air Quality, Congestion and Environmental Sustainability Lead Member Reference Group terms of reference are:

Group Terms of Reference

-To monitor and report on the future development of measures to reduce road traffic congestion in the West Midlands. Plus measures to monitor and cut its associated negative air quality and associated environmental impacts, including any measures supporting the delivery of the environmental objectives within the West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan and other strategic planning documents.

-To monitor progress on programmes seeking to effect cuts in congestion and its associated health and environmental impacts in line with WMCA policies, strategies and timescales.

-To monitor and support work with public transport operators passenger groups and members of the public to support the delivery of reduced congestion on the roads, plus general improvements in air quality across all forms of private and public transport.

-To give guidance and input during the preparation and clearance of reports within the portfolio area which are to be considered at any Transport Delivery Committee meeting

2.2 The Group's membership is:

Cllr Richard Worrall (Lead Member)

Cllr Celia Hibbert

Cllr Robert Alden

2.3 The 2019/20 group's inception meeting was 23 September 2019, followed by meetings in November and January.

2.4 The work programme of the Group is set out below:

Work Plan 2019/20

1. In essence, the Group's main areas of activity will be to monitor and support relevant work, report back to, and from, their local authority, and provide guidance and input to relevant TDC reports. To help inform this work, a series of technical visits to see best practice will be of value.
2. The main issues to be considered by the Group in 2019/20 for this work are:
 - A. Transport strategy and measures to reduce West Midlands' greenhouse gas emissions
 - B. Transport strategy and measures to improve West Midlands Local Air Quality (particularly NO₂ and PM 2.5), including the role of green infrastructure
 - C. Transport strategy and measures to reduce road traffic congestion

A. Transport strategy and measures to reduce West Midlands' greenhouse gas emissions

3. The Group will monitor and support:
 - i. Development of WMCA's action plan to achieve its zero carbon emissions targets (2041 zero emission target and interim targets for 2022 and 2027)
 - ii. How the zero carbon action plan relates to the review of the Movement for Growth strategic transport plan
 - iii. Progress in achieving carbon reductions from transport serving the West Midlands
4. The Group will provide guidance and input to relevant TDC reports related to carbon reduction, eg progress with the new West Midlands Ultra Low Emission Vehicles Strategy and West Midlands Low Emission Bus Delivery Plan Update
5. Potential technical visits to inform this strand include:
 - ii. University of Birmingham Rail Research Centre for hydrogen powered train development
 - iii. Long Marston – VivaRail battery powered trains
 - iii. A longer term potential visit to Tyseley Energy Park, for hydrogen power issues

B. Transport strategy and measures to improve West Midlands Local Air Quality (particularly NO₂ and PM 2.5), including the role of green infrastructure

6. The Group will monitor and support:
 - i. WMCA and local authority air quality strategy development
 - ii. Progress in delivering the Mayor's pledge to ensure the entire West Midlands Metropolitan Area's bus fleet is Euro VI or better by April 2021.
 - iii. Progress with the WM-Air research project, led by University of Birmingham
 - iv. Green infrastructure initiatives
7. The Group will monitor:
 - i. Progress with First, Second and Third Wave local authority measures to reduce nitrogen dioxide
8. The Group will provide guidance and input to relevant TDC reports related to local air quality, eg reports on the above.
9. Potential technical visits to inform this strand are:
 - i. A potential visit to Leicester for street environment improvements

C. Transport strategy and measures to reduce road traffic congestion

10. The Group will monitor and support:
 - i. Progress in delivery of the TfWM Congestion Management Plan
11. The Group will provide guidance and input to relevant TDC reports related to road traffic congestion reduction eg reports related to Key Route Network improvements

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| <p>12. Potential technical visits to inform this strand are:</p> <p>i. A potential visit to Bristol, to see its Urban Traffic Control Centre and other initiatives, eg Metrobus Bus Rapid Transit network</p> |
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2.5 In its meetings held to date, the Group has agreed its terms of reference and work plan. It received a presentation from Jake Murgatroyd on the work of the Network Resilience Team, including the Congestion Management Plan, development of Key Route Network Action Plans and the production of a related one year progress report.

2.5 The Group has also considered mode share comparisons of the West Midlands with other large urban areas in Europe, North America and the UK and key lessons from academic research on achieving increased use of sustainable transport.

2.6 The group has received regular updates on climate change and air quality issues which are related to transport at a national, regional and local level. This has included updates on progress with reducing NO₂ levels in the West Midlands. Progress with improvements to the West Midlands bus fleet have also been agenda items. Consideration of these updates has led to discussions on climate change targets within some West Midlands local authorities.

2.7 A meeting of the Group on February 17, open to all members of TDC, will consider the WMCA WM2041 Zero Carbon Green Paper.

2.8 A technical visit to Vivarail at Long Marston was held on 17 October. This also included councillors from the wider TDC and considered developments of rolling stock and national strategy for a carbon-free UK rail network.

2.9 There will be a technical visit to University of Birmingham on 30 January. This will cover the WM-Air project led by the University and research and development on hydrogen rail. All TDC members were invited to attend.

2.10 A technical visit to Leicester is currently being arranged. This will be open to all TDC members and will gain an understanding of city centre and main road improvements promoting sustainable travel and improved air quality.

3. Legal Implications

3.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

4. Equalities Implications

4.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

5. Inclusive Growth Implications

5.1 Promoting congestion reduction and improved air quality supports inclusive growth by supporting the following themes:

- Affordable, safe, and connected places
- Sustainability

- Health and Wellbeing
- Economy

6. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

- 6.1 The Group's remit covers the Combined Authority constituent authorities. Improvements to the West Midlands transport system and environmental performance will provide wider benefits for sustainable connectivity with the wider Combined Authority area.

7. Other Implications

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8. Schedule of Background Papers

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Transport Delivery Committee

Date	10 February 2020
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Recommendation for action or decision:

Transport Delivery Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the summary of the Finance and Performance Monitoring Portfolio activity in 2019/20.

1. Purpose

1.1 To outline the work of the Finance and Performance Monitoring Portfolio.

2. Background

2.1 The Transport Delivery Committee Finance and Performance Monitoring Lead Member Reference Group terms of reference are:

Assurance

- a) To provide assurance to TDC that WMCA's financial management arrangements are sound;
- b) To ensure financial reporting is clear, transparent and on time;
- c) To ensure Lead Members are made aware of financial resources and business plan issues that impact on their areas of responsibility;
- d) To ensure all reports received by TDC include the financial implications of proposals, including value for money considerations;

Delivery

- e) To champion the delivery of TfWM's activities on time and within budget;
- f) To ensure that performance monitoring of delivery activities are sound and provide visibility of performance management processes to TDC;
- g) To give policy guidance and input during the preparation and clearance of reports within the portfolio area that are to be considered at any Transport Delivery Committee meeting;

Innovation

- h) To assess the delivery implications of new initiatives and proposals, and provide advice to the Chair and Lead Members of TDC;
- i) To promote innovation in the financing and delivery of integrated transport initiatives.

2.2 The Group's membership is:

Cllr Pervez Akhtar (Lead Member)

Cllr Roger Lawrence

Cllr Mohammed Fazal

2.3 The Reference Group is not a formal sub-committee but brings a small group of members together to share briefings and discuss finance and performance matters. The Group and/or Lead Member have met with the respective Finance Officers on several occasions during the current Municipal Year which have mostly taken place on the same day as the TDC meetings.

2.4 An overview of the work programme of the Group during the 2019/20 municipal year is detailed below:

- On-going review, monitoring and reporting of the Combined Authority's Transport Delivery Revenue and Capital Budgets;
 - 'Financial Monitoring Report' reported on a bi-monthly basis to TDC.
- On-going review of progress against the projects within the Transport Delivery Capital Programme;
 - 'Transport Capital Programme Delivery Monitoring Report' reported on a bi-monthly basis to TDC.
- Consideration of future Transport Delivery revenue budget requirements;
 - A private budget briefing session to TDC Members was held on 16 December 2019 setting out the draft 2020/21 budget where Members were provided an opportunity to feed in their comments before the draft budget proposals were reported to the WMCA Board on the 17 January 2020.
- Seeking value-for-money assurance on identified budgets and activity;
 - All reports to TDC are required to identify any financial implications as a consequence of the recommended decisions within the report.
 - Transport portfolio reports required to be considered by WMCA Board for decision are circulated to the TDC for information, providing an opportunity for members of TDC to comment on proposals.
- Interfacing as appropriate, with WMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee in particular around budget scrutiny.

2.5 Members will be aware of the key drivers of the financial and performance strategies of the WMCA, in which Transport for West Midlands is the major vehicle for delivering much of the Combined Authority's visible service to the people of the West Midlands conurbation.

3. Legal Implications

3.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this portfolio update report.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this portfolio update

5. Equalities Implications

5.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this portfolio update.

6. Inclusive Growth Implications

6.1 There are no direct inclusive growth implications arising from this portfolio update.

7. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

7.1 There are no direct implications in relation to this arising from this portfolio update.

8. Other Implications

8.1 There no other implications in relation to this arising from this portfolio update.

9. Schedule of Background Papers

9.1 All relevant information is contained within this report.

TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING		REPORT AND AUTHOR	AGENDA SETTING MEETING	
<i>Date of Meeting</i>	<i>Date Final Reports to be submitted to Governance Services</i>		<i>Date of Meeting</i>	<i>Date Reports to be submitted to Governance Services</i>
16 March 2020	4 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Monitoring Report (Linda Horne) • Capital Programme Delivery Monitoring Report (Sandeep Shingadia) • Enhanced Partnership for Sprint (Edmund Salt) • Bus Business Update (Richard Mayes/Richard Hardman) • Presentation : Birmingham Transport Plan (by BCC Officers) • Presentation: Coventry City of Culture 2021-Transport Update (CCC Officers) 	2 March	26 February
8 June 2020	28 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Monitoring Report (Linda Horne) • Capital Programme Delivery Monitoring Report (Sandeep Shingadia) 	21 May	18 May

TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE

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<i>Date of Meeting</i>	<i>Date Final Reports to be submitted to Governance Services</i>		<i>Date of Meeting</i>	<i>Date Reports to be submitted to Governance Services</i>
<i>Note- first meeting of new municipal year</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Charter Progress Update Report (Hannah Dayan) • Safer Travel Update (Mark Babington) • Rail Business Update (Tom Painter) 		