



Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date: Monday 22 February 2021

Time: 10.30 am **Public meeting** Yes

Venue: This meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams
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Membership

Councillor Cathy Bayton (Chair)	Association of Black Country Authorities
Councillor Philip Bateman MBE	City of Wolverhampton Council
Councillor Rois Ali	Coventry City Council
Councillor Liz Clements	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Ken Hawkins	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Matt Rogers	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Gurmeet Singh Sohal	Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Jackie Taylor	Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Quorum for this meeting shall be six members.

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AGENDA

No.	Item	Presenting	Pages
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.	Minutes - 30 November 2020	Chair	1 - 4
4.	Q&A with Chair of Transport Delivery Committee (a) Introductory comments (b) Questions to Chair of Transport Delivery Committee (c) Closing comments (d) To consider any issues or comments to draw to the attention of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee when it meets on 8 March 2021	Chair / Councillor Kath Hartley	None
5.	Commonwealth Games - Transport Plan	Anne Shaw	5 - 18
6.	Forward Plan (a) WMCA Board (b) Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Lyndsey Roberts	19 - 24



**West Midlands
Combined Authority**

Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Monday 30 November 2020 at 10.30 am

Minutes

Present

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Councillor Philip Bateman MBE
Councillor Liz Clements
Councillor Ken Hawkins
Councillor Gurmeet Singh Sohal
Councillor Jackie Taylor

Overview & Scrutiny Committee
City of Wolverhampton Council
Birmingham City Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

In Attendance

Dan Essex
David Harris
Kashmire Hawker
Lyndsey Roberts
Anne Shaw
Laura Shoaf
Claire Williams

West Midlands Combined Authority
Transport for West Midlands
Young Combined Authority
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Item Title No.

15. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Rois Ali (Coventry City Council).

16. Minutes - 19 October 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 October 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

17. Portfolio Lead for Transport Question Time - Response to Recommendations

The committee reviewed the response received from Councillor Ian Ward, Portfolio Lead for Transport, to the recommendations raised by the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its Q&A Session held on the 19 October 2020.

With regards to recommendation three the Chair expressed that this focussed on political lobbying rather than Transport for West Midlands Lobbying. The Managing Director, Transport for West Midlands felt that lobbying at every level of the 'levelling up' agenda should be done, she went on to confirm funding announcements from the Government response on the Comprehensive Spending Review had addressed some progress on the 'levelling up' agenda.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (a) The response received from Councillor Ian Ward, Portfolio Lead for Transport to the recommendations arising from the Q&A Session on the 19 October 2020 be noted.

18. Development of the Local Transport Plan

The committee received a presentation from the Transport Strategy and Place Manager on the developments of the new West Midlands Local Transport Plan. It was recognised that various changes will impact and reflect the LTP, some of those factors were related to Brexit, devolution, powers, changing social priorities, climate and air quality crises. In order to progress the LTP and drive transport forward in an innovative way TfWM have undertaken work to reflect and look forward; with a key message of the progression of technology whilst recognising that technology alone would not fix the future. It was recognised that the direction of travel was heading in the right way along with movement for growth investment. It was noted that some of the changes required were around carbon emissions needed to be tackled along with inequalities and congestion. Five key areas the new LTP would focus on is Tackling the climate emergency, creating a fairer society, becoming healthier and more active, supporting places and communities and sustaining economic success.

Councillor Jackie Taylor felt that there was an omission with regards to businesses and potential employees who do not have private transport options, however the Transport Strategy and Place Manager felt that this wasn't something that could be specified through the LTP but measures to level up access for individuals could be.

Councillor Ken Hawkins suggested that the new LTP did not contain enough on supporting places and communities, planning and development for both businesses and communities to address new communities, businesses and parks ensuring that there were appropriate transport links. The Transport Strategy and Place Manager noted the comments and felt that the new LTP was to highlight issue instead of jumping to solutions, this would help identify issue but the LTP not a dilatative planning policy but is there to influence and raise concerns.

Councillor Philip Bateman commented that the COVID-19 pandemic had change the mindset of individuals and felt the overall trust of the document was good. Kashmire felt that the LTP had a gap in addressing major events upcoming within the region, although the Transport Strategy and Place Manager felt this would be addressed within the Commonwealth Games Strategy. The chair highlighted the need for public engagement and elected member engagement within each MET as that would be critical moving forward with the plan.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The presentation be noted.
- (2) The comments made by members of the committee be noted.

19. Emergency Active Travel Fund Update

The committee received a report from the Head of Cycling and Walking on an update on the Emergency Active Travel Fund (EATF) in May 2020 which funded the implementation of cycling and walking facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was recognised that the region had been awarded £3,850,997 of funding within tranche one of the EATF and a further bid was made and awarded in tranche two for the amount of £13,787,200. A list of schemes had been put forward by the seven MET Authorities and would be delivered by the end of March 2022.

The chair requested further information on the mandated consultation of the EATF for Tranche two, the Head of Cycling and Walking confirmed that the consultation plans would be expected from each local authority on the delivery of their scheme with the overarching plan being published by the WMCA. The Chair also asked the Head of Cycling and Walking opinion on whether local authority had been creative enough in their ambitions with the plans brought forward. She felt that there was a fair set of ambitions across the region but felt that each local authority were at different stages towards their journey in championing active travel.

Councillor Jackie Taylor queried as to how disadvantaged groups across the region could access support to access cycling equipment. The Head of Cycling and Walking confirmed that statistics showed a problem with bike ownership and shared various initiative/opportunities to support individuals in accessing funds to support bike ownership, and access to discounted public transport opportunities.

The chair felt that the EATF tranche one and two gave local authorities an opportunity to undertake some linked scrutiny of particular schemes.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The background, approach and progress with Emergency Active Travel Fund and Active Travel Fund programmes being delivered in the West Midlands be noted.
- (2) A further update to be brought back to a future meeting of the committee.

20. Regional Road Safety Progress

The committee received a report from the Director of Network Resilience on the progress made in relation to the region's target to reduce killed and seriously injured (KSI) by 40% by 2028 with a longer-term ambition to achieve zero harm on road in the West Midlands. The committee were also updated with the establishment of the Regional Road Safety Strategic Partnership and the priorities established.

The chair queried the reduction in the KSI rate by 40% by 2028 and sought assurances that current plans in place would deliver this target within the timeframe set. The Director of Network Resilience felt that the target did need reviewing and would look at how best to deliver on this target.

Councillor Ken Hawkins suggested better education and better designed mobile average speed cameras was required. Following Councillor Liz Clements request of a change of a blanket 20 mph zones in residential areas the Director of Network Resilience noted that this required a legislation change and a national campaign, with the alternative being traffic regulation orders being introduced.

Councillor Jackie Taylor expressed concern over pavement parking and the dangers associated to individuals. The Director of Network Resilience informed the committee of a public consultation undertaken to address this matter and suggested that this would be more locally managed, and a number of equality issues needed to be addressed within the road safety strategy.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The progress made on managing Road Safety across the region and the priorities agreed through the Regional Road Safety Strategic Partnership be noted.
- (2) The range of activities delivered by partners across the West Midlands throughout 2019/20 to date be noted.

21. Forward Plan

The sub-committee noted its workplan on business for consideration at future meetings and the WMCA Board. It was noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee would discuss the feasibility on undertaking the scrutiny review on alternative ticketing polices to be considered within this municipal year.

In preparation for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Q&A session on the budget it was agreed a workshop would be held for members.

Recommended to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The sub-committee work programme, be noted.

22. Date of next meeting

Monday 22 February 2020 at 10.30am

The meeting ended at 12.25 pm.

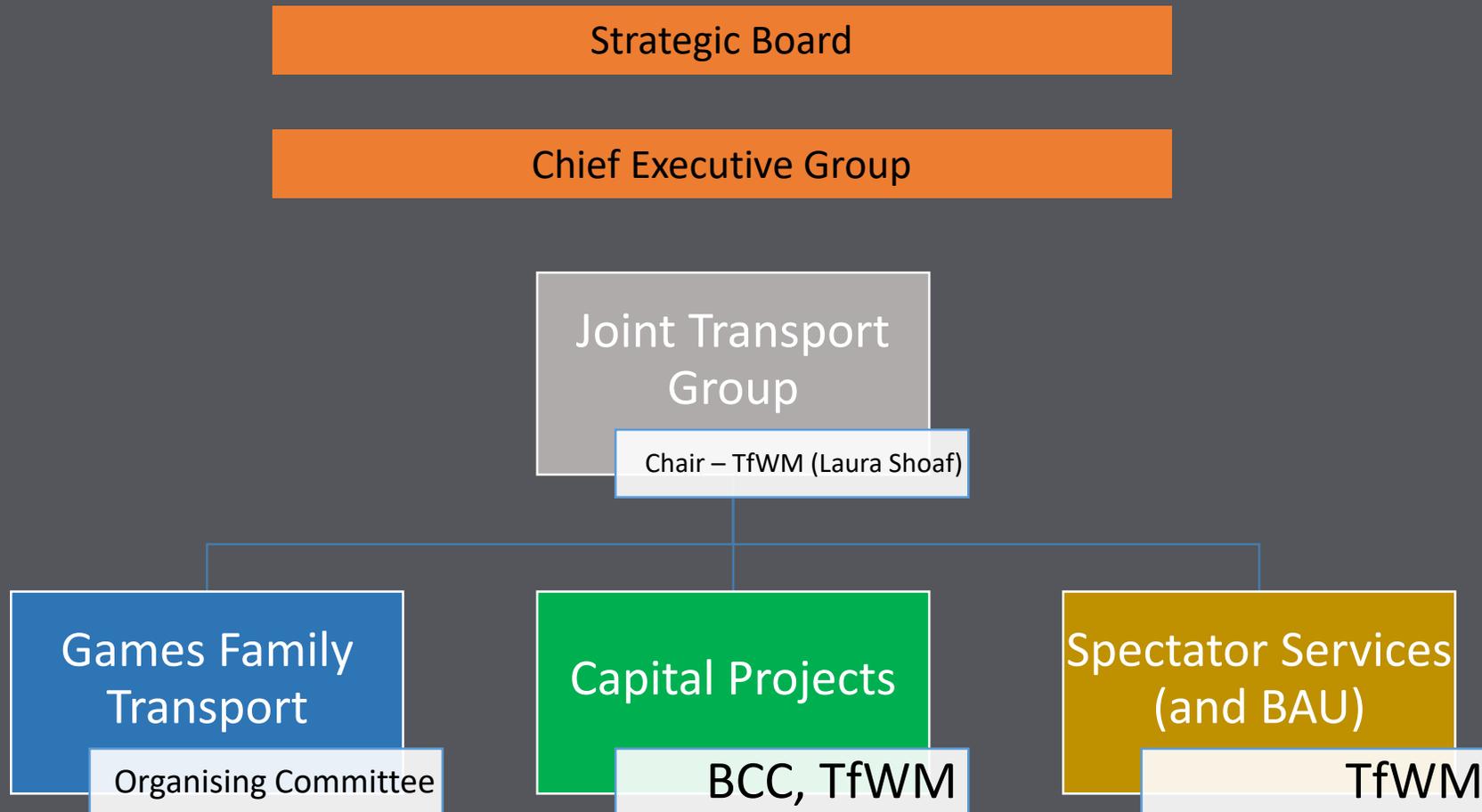
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Commonwealth Games Transport Plan

Anne Shaw – Director Network Resilience
Graham Jones – Technical Director (Commonwealth Games)

TfWM Role in CWG Transport Planning

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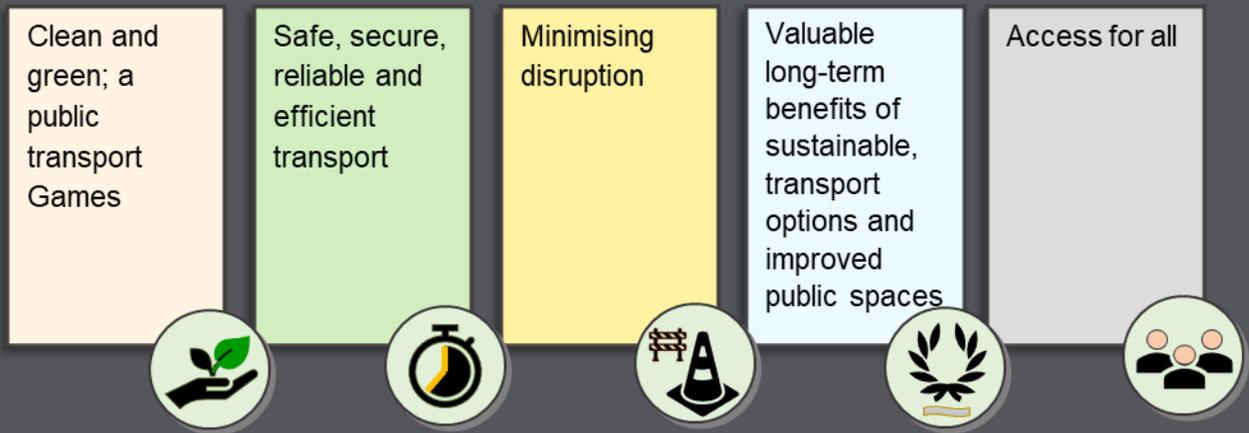
Commitments to the Games

WMCA and TfWM have made the following commitments in terms of transport provision for the Games:

- **Guarantee letter** at Host City bid stage;
- Delivery of various capital infrastructure schemes;
- Delivery of various Games-time planning and transport operational services via a **Funding Agreement** with the Organising Committee;
- It has also been agreed with central government that TfWM will lead on implementation of the transport measures in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Act, including preparation of the **Games Transport Plan**;
- Under the Games governance structure, TfWM leads on transport, bringing together transport delivery partners via the **Joint Transport Group (JTG)**; and
- Note - Security and Policing overall will be led by WM Police and through transport hubs by British Transport Police.

The Games Transport Plan: An Introduction

- In 2019 we set out our guiding principles for Games transport in a **draft Games Strategic Transport Plan**. This Plan gained widespread support and set us on the path to our more detailed planning arrangements.
- In October 2020, in line with s.25(1) of the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games Act**, the Secretary of State for Transport directed WMCA to prepare a Games Transport Plan (GTP) for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- The GTP is the next step in providing a more detailed, **tactical plan** of the transport arrangements and sets out the key principles that have guided decision making for Games transport.



The Games Transport Plan:

- The GTP will **inform the public and businesses of our current approach to transport planning** and aims to give confidence in our proposals.
- The GTP is an **evolving** document, as it requires inputs from various other strategies, such as the Legacy Plan and the Sustainability Plan. These documents are yet to be published by the Organising Committee.
- The current draft of the GTP will undergo **consultation** with stakeholders and partners, the Plan will then be updated to reflect changes made as a result of the consultation and, if appropriate, more detailed information that emerges from future planning.
- The final publication is intended for **January 2022** to allow enough time to analyse responses, revise the document and secure formal approvals.

Games Transport Plan: Programme

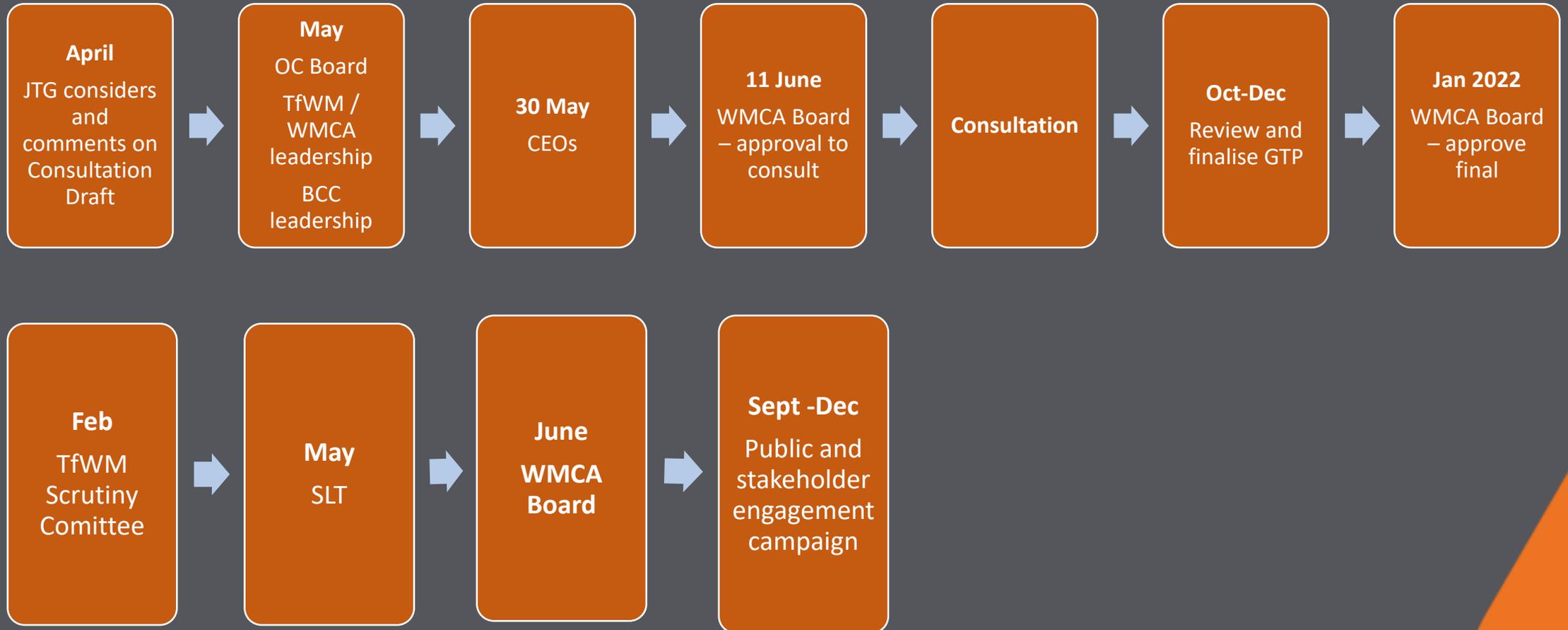
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Tasks	2020			2021												2022
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
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<input type="checkbox"/> Finalising First Draft				Green												
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 SLT (19th May)

 WMCA Board (11th June)

Timeline of GTP activity



WMCA Legacy Principles

- Align Games legacy with regional priorities/ strategies
- Take a strategic approach to legacy, identifying what our priorities are and using the Games to maximise these
- Using the Games as an asset for economic and community regional recovery
- Encourage a “Games for everyone” that is inclusive and accessible to all, bringing people together and benefitting the region as a whole
- Inclusive growth is at the heart of our work
- Services to help local authorities, emergency services and transport agencies and operators provide reliable, resilient and integrated transport services.

Legacy Priorities

- Lead on transport for the Games, via the Joint Transport Group, bringing together transport delivery partners. Prepare the Games Transport Plan and deliver agreed transport capital infrastructure schemes, Games-time planning and transport operational services.
- Establish a Jobs & Skills Academy that provides training, volunteering, long and short-term employment, and a holistic 'wrap around' transition service to support candidates throughout their Academy journey and experiences.
- Develop a volunteering pathway to feed into the Organising Committee's volunteering strategy. Ensure volunteer opportunities are reflective of the diverse regional population and accessible to those that need it the most, via the 1,000 ringfenced posts.
- Ensure the legacy of the Games aligns with and amplifies the #WM2041 sustainability strategy, supporting a fairer, greener and healthier West Midlands.

Transport Legacy

The Games are a unique opportunity to create a positive transport legacy of **increased sustainability, improved public realm and reduced car dominance across the West Midlands.**

The transport we provide seeks to influence, inspire and change the behaviours of those delivering and attending the events- through making sustainable choices in the resources we use to deliver the Games and this is how:

- Investment and delivery of new transport infrastructure to ensure users consider **walking, cycling or public transport as their preferred means of transport**, both to the event and also in the longer term.
 - Bus - improving passenger infrastructure, information and ticketing to develop a truly integrated multi-modal system
 - Cycling - enhanced cycle infrastructure
 - Rail station improvements at Perry Barr
- Restoring confidence in public transport **post Covid-19**
- Better **demand management** and thus, better passenger experience.

Sustainability

Birmingham 2022 are developing their sustainability strategy:

- to deliver the most environmentally friendly Games ever, in a socially responsible way;
- to set new standards around sustainable delivery and provide a blueprint for future Commonwealth Games to follow;
- to be the catalyst that amplifies ambitions around long-term behavioural change e.g. active travel and use of public transport.

Sustainability

The Games Strategic Transport Plan set out the transport aims:

- Clean and Green; a public transport Games
 - Public transport, cycling and walking will be the easiest and most effective way to get around during the Games. The transport network will operate as a single integrated network, offering seamless end to end journeys that make sustainable transport the most attractive way to travel. All venues will be accessible by public transport.
 - Public transport, cycling and walking allows most efficient use of the transport network; it reduces reliance on car travel and so reduces congestion, helping to keep the region moving. In doing so, it reduces emissions; contributing to cleaner air, improved health and better quality of life for the people of the West Midlands.



Transport Security during the Games

- West Midlands Police will be working closely with partners, including British Transport Police and the **Safer Travel Partnership** to provide **additional visibility** and safety between travel hubs and the venues.
- To meet the predicted increase of demand on the transport network during the Games, the Safer Travel Partnership have **recruited additional accredited officers to be available at key times and at crucial locations** to ensure safe travel for visitors and residents during the Games.
- The Games Route Network (GRN) will have greater traffic enforcement with West Midlands Police and civil enforcement officers providing extra support to the security and safety plans.

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WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY FORWARD PLAN: MARCH 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021

Title of Report	Description of Purpose	Date of Meeting	Key Decision (Y/N)	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
Financial Monitoring Report 2020/21	To consider the latest financial position.	19 March 2021	No	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Black Country Scrutiny Review - Summary of Findings	To consider a report of Overview & Scrutiny Committee.	19 March 2021	No	n/a	Tim Martin	No	Overview & Scrutiny
Affordable Housing Joint Venture	To consider proposals for an affordable housing joint venture.	19 March 2021	Yes	Cllr Mike Bird	Gareth Bradford	No	Housing & Land
Economic Impact of COVID-19	To consider the economic impact of the pandemic.	19 March 2021	No	Cllr Ian Brookfield	Julia Goldsworthy	No	Economy & Innovation
WM2041: Five Year Plan	To approve a five year plan relating to the WM2041 carbon reduction targets.	19 March 2041	Yes	Cllr Ian Courts	Ed Cox	No	Environment, Energy & HS2



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Adult Education Budget	To provide an update on the allocation process and outcomes of the AEB.	19 March 2021	Yes	Cllr George Duggins	Julie Nugent	No	Productivity & Skills
Adoption of Revised Code of Conduct	To consider the adoption of a revised code following recommendations from the LGA.	19 March 2021	Yes	n/a	Tim Martin	No	Governance
Metro - Buy Before You Board Penalty Fares Byelaws	To consider proposals on this issue.	19 March 2021	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport
Coventry - Electric Bus City	To consider a report on proposals.	19 March 2021	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport
Commonwealth Games Transport Plan	To approve a draft plan for consultation purposes.	11 June 2021	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport



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Annual Plan 2021/22 Approval	To approve the 2021/22 WMCA Annual Plan.	23 July 2021	Yes	n/a	Deborah Cadman	No	Governance
Local Transport Plan Consultation Approval	To approve the draft local transport plan proposals for consultation.	17 September 2021	Yes	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport

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WMCA Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Work Programme

Title of Report	Description of Purpose	Date of Meeting	Lead Officer/Member
Security Contract - Mann Commercial	To receive an update on the Mann Commercial security contract - 12 month pilot	June 2021	Mark Babington
Scrutiny Review: Alternative Ticketing Policies in use in comparable cities/regions	To discuss the arrangements for the forthcoming scrutiny review.	June 2021	David Harris
Local Transport Plan	To receive an update on the draft LTP prior to its approval at WMCA Board on 17 September.	June 2021	David Harris
Bus Byelaws - Progress Update	To receive a progress update on this issue.	November 2021	Mark Babington



HS2	To receive an update on HS2.	TBC	Craig Wakeman
Emergency Active Travel Fund	To receive an evaluation of the Emergency Active Travel Fund.	TBC	David Harris