

Transport Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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The Transport Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note and comment on the latest position with regards to the Draft Safer Travel Plan 2024 - 27.
- (2) Note that a further update will be brought to the Transport Delivery & Scrutiny Overview Committee in July 2024, with the intention of publishing the new Safer Travel Plan in Autumn 2024.
- (3) Consider whether Transport Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee wishes to make any further comments on this report to the WMCA Board at this stage.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update and engage with members of the Transport Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the current position with regards to the Draft Safer Travel Plan 2024 – 2027 and next steps.

2. Background

- 2.1 The current Safer Travel Plan expires in March 2024. The new draft Safer Travel Plan 2024-2027 has been developed with the full involvement of all interested parties via The Safer Travel Governance Board. Extensive consultation and discussions have taken place over the last six months to develop and agree the themes of the new plan. There is a consensus that the current plan is too long and there is repetition within the various sections.

3. Draft Safer Travel Plan

- 3.1 The new draft plan is based around four distinct themes as follows: -

Feel Safer

- We aspire to a vision where all users of public transport whether they are passengers or employees feel safer to use the network.
- We will reassure passengers and staff that our network is a safe place.
- We will demonstrate what we do and what we plan to do to make the network feel safer.

Be Safer

- We will deploy Safer Travel resources across the network in response to anti-social behaviour and crime pattern analysis.
- We will maximise the use of all available powers and interventions.
- Maximise the presence of the Safer Travel partnership team including the further development of Transport Safety Officers

Stay Safer

- Implementing sustainable long-term approaches to improve safety.
- We will commit partnership staff to improving the experience of female users of the network in support of the Violence Against Women and Girls agenda.
- We will listen to passenger and staff groups to understand and respond to their concerns (you said, we did)
- We will communicate our activities on a regular basis to encourage passengers to use the network.
- We will utilise all evidence-based research to enhance and develop the partnership.

Connected Network

- We will maximise the use of all available technology to assist in delivering the plan.
- Maintain and develop our existing CCTV camera estate working collaboratively with partners.
- Continue to develop the use of drone technology Review and improve existing data sharing protocols with transport partners and Local Authorities.

4. Update and Next Steps

- 4.1 The draft plan had its final review at the Safer Travel Governance Board on 16th October 2023 and a briefing was given to The Strategic Operations & Customer Experience Board, also on 16th October 2023.
- 4.2 A further update will be brought to the Transport Delivery & Scrutiny Overview Committee in June 2024, with the intention of publishing the new Safer Travel Plan in Autumn 2024.

5. Strategic Aims and Objectives

- 5.1 Ensure everyone has the opportunity to benefit

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 To be reviewed and updated in June 2024 which then will be brought to the Transport Delivery & Scrutiny Overview Committee.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 To be reviewed and updated in June 2024 which then will be brought to the Transport Delivery & Scrutiny Overview Committee.

8. Single Assurance Framework Implications

- 8.1 N/A

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1 None

10. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 10.1 None.

11. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

- 11.1 The draft Safer Travel Plan 2024 - 27 covers the geographical area represented by the seven constituent authorities.

12. Other Implications

12.1 N/A

13. Schedule of Background Papers

13.1 Appendix 1: Presentation – Draft Safer Travel Plan.