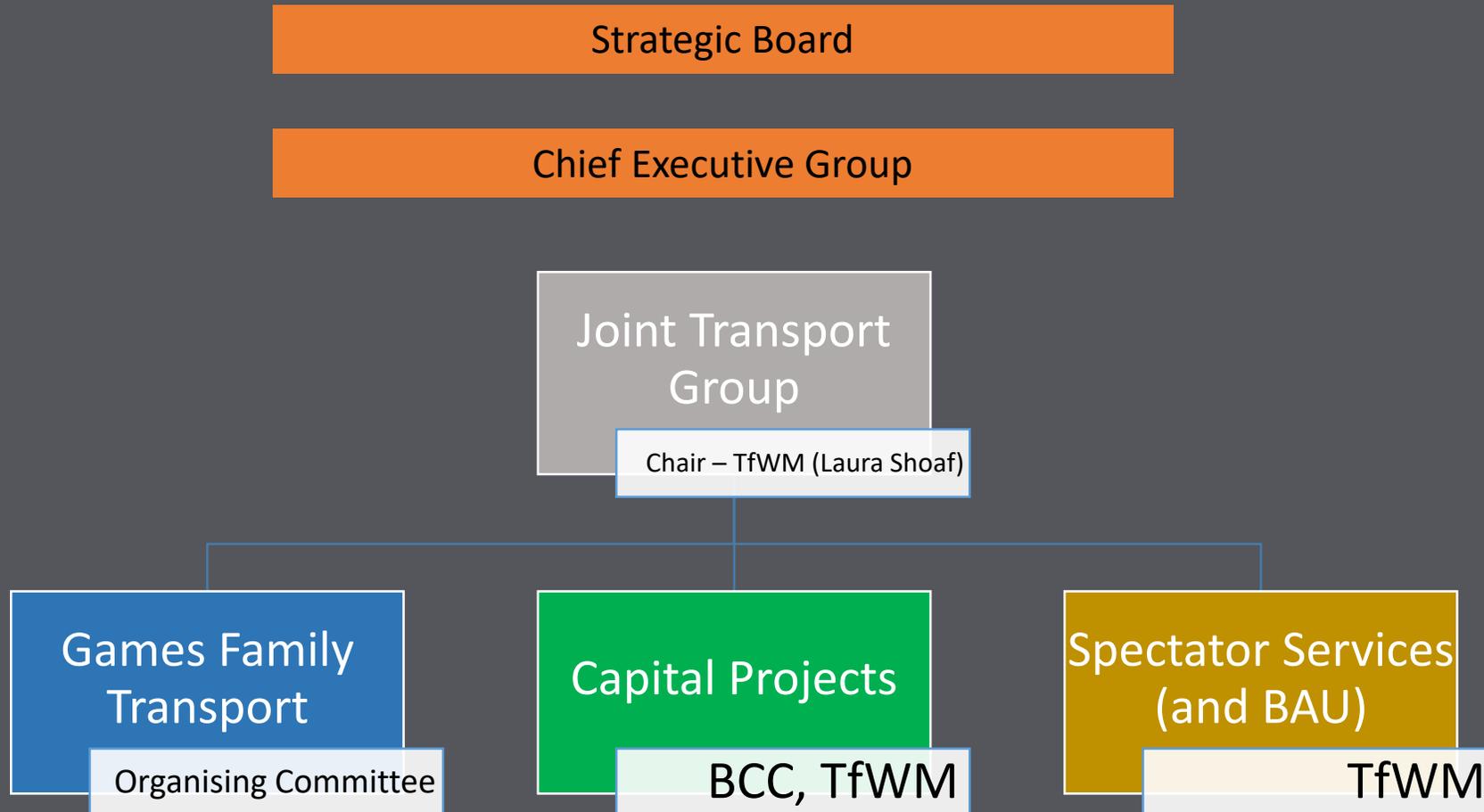


# WMCA Transport Scrutiny Sub Committee

## Commonwealth Games Transport Plan

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# TfWM Role in CWG Transport Planning



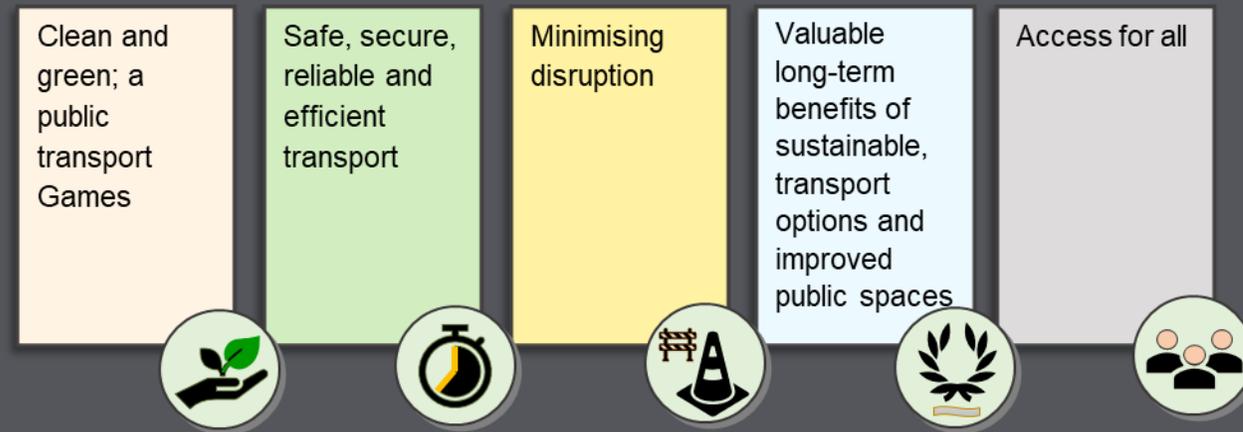
# Commitments to the Games

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.

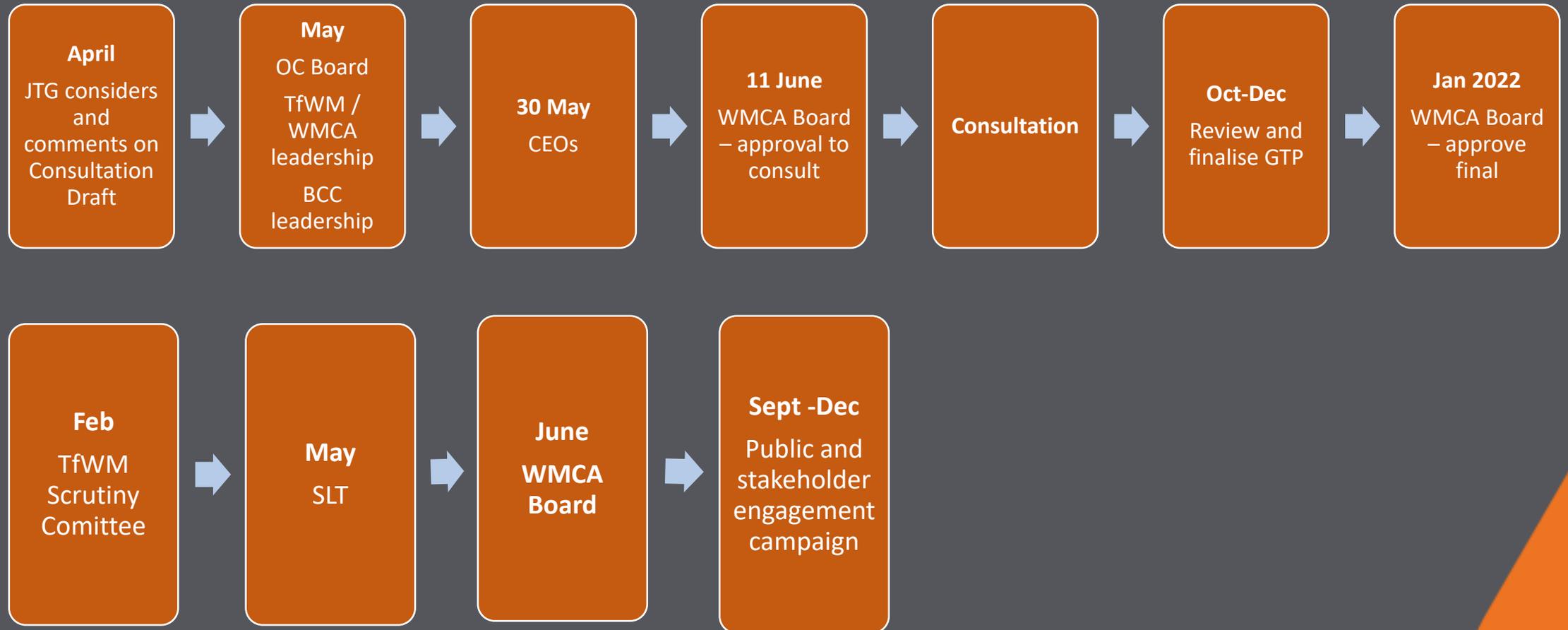
# Games Transport Plan: Programme

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 SLT (19<sup>th</sup> May)

 WMCA Board (11<sup>th</sup> 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.