

To: Cabinet

From: Business, Economy, and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

Date: 1st October 2024

Subject: Transport Strategy Delivery Plan

1 Purpose of the Note

- To inform Cabinet of the recommendations from the Business, Economy, and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3).

2 Recommendations

- The Business, Economy, and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) recommend that Cabinet:
 - 1) Agree the recommendations in the report.
 - 2) Find opportunities to promote the innovative projects being delivered to support active travel in the city, such as VLR, Ring and Ride schemes and WM On Demand.

3 Information and Background

- At their meeting on 26th September 2024, the Business, Economy, and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) considered a Cabinet Report on the Transport Strategy Delivery Plan.
- The Board received a presentation to support the progress covered in the document. Members asked questions and were provided with responses on the following areas:
 - The aim by TfWM to expand the use of contactless payments and concerns that passengers who rely on cash may not have the opportunity to take advantage of the best ticket options.
 - That there are currently 140 electric buses in the city which will increase to just under 300 when all buses in the city are electric by 2025.
 - That bus timetabling is with bus operators to register plans with TfWM.
 - The breakdown of road fatalities by age and location in the city.
 - The importance of the cross-boundary travel to work area with Warwickshire and that this should not be overlooked as part of any work the West

Midlands Combined Authority are doing as part of their statutory Transport Strategy.

- That the majority of funding provided by the Council for activities covered in the Coventry Transport Strategy is revenue funding provided via the transport levy, which is paid by all the constituent authorities that make up the West Midlands Combined Authority to TfWM. This funding supports various TfWM activities, including maintaining the bus network. Infrastructure schemes, delivered with capital funding are funded through a variety of government funds and private contributions via S106. Very little of this funding is directly from Council budgets.
- Aspirational work to manage freight in the city centre through the City Centre Traffic Management Plan.

4 Health Inequalities Impact

- An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) was carried out prior to the Coventry Transport Strategy being adopted in 2022. While approval is being sought to update accompanying Implementation Plan, no changes are proposed to the Strategy itself.

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