

Transforming Cities Fund Programme

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Board on the Transforming Cities Programme.
- 1.2 This will include an update on Electric Rapid Transport in Derby.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the update report
- 2.2 To make any comments or recommendations following discussions on the report received.

Reasons

- 3.1 To update the Board on the current situation and potential future expectations.
- 3.2 At the Board's meeting on 13 September 2021 the Board requested that an update on Electric Rapid Transport in Derby was brought to a future meeting.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The first phase of the Transforming Cities Fund saw £8m shared between the two cities to kick-start transport projects including:
 - The start of a major upgrade to the real-time information system at bus stops across both cities
 - An upgrade to the software in the signals (traffic lights) at key junctions, making them 'bus priority' – so if a bus is running late the signals will prioritise this over other traffic to help them get back on track.
 - Improved cycle paths to key employment sites including along Chequers Road in Derby
- 4.2 Derby and Nottingham then received £161m as the second major phase of the Government's 'Transforming Cities' Fund, aimed at improving connections between major employment sites and promoting active travel and public transport.

- 4.3 The Strategic Outline Business Case was co-produced with the Department of Transport and covered the following areas:

Connectivity

- Improving the area around both stations to create a more welcoming gateway that connects with the city centre, public transport, active travel links
- Improving real time information, signal and bus lane priority for public transport across the region and cashless ticketing
- Expanding the rapid electric charge point network
- Upgrading parts of the cycle links between the two cities and providing an e-bike scheme in both cities

Derby growth corridors

- Smart Park & Ride Hub – Development of suitable site with improved facilities such as cycling and public transport links, upgraded RTI and waiting and electric charging facilities
- Mass Transit Link – establish a dedicated mass transit link
- Demand Responsive Transport service – supplementary DRT to link employment centres
- Priority corridor for public transport – upgrading junctions, infrastructure and RTI at key junctions to improve bus reliability on major routes.
- Cycle lane improvements along key routes to employment sites, including dedicated cycle lanes
- Workplace Travel Service – continued funding to enable SMEs to make improvements, which encourage staff to make sustainable travel choices

- 4.4 The two City Councils were also successful in securing Future Transport Zone funding, which has included partnering with Wind Mobility to provide electric scooters, also known as e-scooters. These are an authorized Government trial and in Derby these are available for long-term hire to key workers.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 N/A

Other options

- 6.1 N/A

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 N/A

Legal implications

- 8.1 N/A

Climate implications

9.1 N/A

Other significant implications

10.1 N/A

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
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Background papers:

List of appendices: