
**Meeting of the Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee –
4th January 2024**

Report of the Acting Service Director - Neighbourhood Delivery

Dudley Highway Network Performance and Road Safety

Purpose of report

1. To update members on work being carried out in relation to the performance of the Borough's Highway Network, the development of major transport schemes and to provide an overview of the approach to Road Safety.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report and the more detailed presentation to be presented at the meeting and provide feedback to support officers to develop and inform future work plans.

Background

3. There are a range of factors that influence the performance of the Highway Network in terms of congestion and delays to traffic. A range of data and metrics are used to identify hotspots on the network and inform and prioritise future programmes of work.

Officers have prepared a presentation for Committee, and this will include the following elements:

- National data and trends
- The economic impact of congestion
- Local Congestion data mapping
- Traffic delay hot spots in Dudley Borough
- Project Pipeline
- Confirmed 5 Year Capital Funding through the City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)

- West Midlands Transport Policy Context
- Implications for our schemes
- Funding Principles
- Road Safety Overview

Finance

4. The presentation includes details on the confirmed 5 year CRSTS transport funding settlement. There are no direct financial implications of this report.

Law

5. The Council is empowered to improve Highways under Section 62 of the Highways Act 1980.

Risk Management

6. The design and delivery of schemes on the ground will be carried out in accordance with approved operational risk assessments as appropriate for the stage of the project.

Equality Impact

7. All schemes being developed will include specific provision to benefit pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable users of the highway, assist social inclusion and the mobility of the less able together with measures to improve access for young people to schools and education where appropriate.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

8. Staff resource costs associated with the design and development of schemes are included in the Transport capital programme. The cost of the actual scheme delivery will be covered by the direct CRSTS grant related to a specific scheme.

Commercial/Procurement

9. All procurement activity that may result from the development and delivery of transport schemes will be carried out in accordance with the Councils Contract Standing Orders and approved procurement procedures.

Environment/Climate Change

10. All projects will include specific provision for both safety and sustainable travel as required by the policy and strategy context and stipulated in relevant funding allocations. Through the improvement of the transport network and provision of infrastructure that encourages a move to more sustainable modes of travel (thus supporting both air quality improvements, public health and wellbeing) the programme supports the Council's overall response to Climate Change.

Council Priorities and Projects

11. Improvements to the transport network supports the key Council priorities including the Borough Vision, Council Plan and Future Council Programme through the provision of infrastructure that supports regeneration and economic growth and provides improved sustainable connectivity and access to all services for the residents of the borough.



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Appendices

None

List of Background Documents

None