
Transforming Cities Schemes – Connected Leicester

EDTCE Scrutiny

Date of meeting: 23rd March 2022

Lead director/officer: Andrew Smith/Satbir Kaur

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: ALL
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1.1. Summary

- 1.2. The Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme aim is to deliver a transformational programme of public, sustainable and active transport schemes to support city economic growth and climate emergency actions. The programme aims to provide improved choices for commuters to travel by bus, cycle and walking as attractive alternatives to car use.
- 1.3. The three schemes being presented are:
- A50 – Five Ways junction
 - Beaumont Leys Park and Ride
 - Great Central Way

2. Recommended actions/decision

- 2.1 Scrutiny commission members are requested to note two pre meet sessions have been held with members to discuss the scheme in detail. Further comments can be made at the Scrutiny meeting and these can be considered as the schemes are developed in detail prior to scheme delivery.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

- 3.1 Scrutiny members had requested the details of the new schemes be discussed in a separate informal session to enable clear understanding by scrutiny members and discussion on each of the scheme proposals ahead of the scrutiny meeting. The Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) – Connected Leicester schemes were presented at an EDTCE Scrutiny pre-meet on 28th February 2022. The presentation and the scheme plans were sent out to all in advance of the meeting.
- 3.2 A second meeting to brief the Chair and Vice Chair was held on 18th March 2022.
- 3.2 Public engagement is expected to be carried out on the schemes from late Spring 2022 prior to commencement of scheme delivery.

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

See section 5

5. Detailed report

Scrutiny members in attendance on the 23rd March were Cllr Mahendra Valand and Cllr Hemant Rae Bhatia where the scrutiny presentation was shared and discussed. The scheme plans are attached as Appendix 1. A further briefing session was arranged for 18th March 2022, with the Chair and Vice Chair. Officers will report any questions and officer response at the scrutiny meeting.

6. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

6.1 Financial implications

The authority has been awarded £32.5m DfT funding towards a £71m TCF Programme.

6.2 Legal implications

n/a

6.3 Equalities implications

Equality Impact Assessments are being produced for each scheme as part of the design process.

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

UK government figures show that transport was responsible for around 25% of all carbon emissions in Leicester. Following the council's declaration of a climate emergency in 2019 tackling these emissions is a vital part of our ambition for Leicester to reach carbon neutrality.

The TCF programme is a key part of the council's work to tackle emissions from transport through enabling sustainable transport options including walking, cycling and public transport. Sustainability comments have been provided on the road layouts of some of the TCF schemes, including on the need to consider sustainable construction materials and processes and the need for wider work to improve sustainable transport opportunities in the city to ensure delivery of the intended benefits.

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6.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None.

7. Background information and other papers:

None

8. Summary of appendices:

Appendix 1- Scheme Plans:

- A50 plans x 4

Appendix 2 – EDTCE Scrutiny Commission 23rd March 22- Connecting Leicester, Transforming Cities Fund Update Presentation

9. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

10. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?

No