



Work Outline / Terms of Reference

Active Travel Schemes Task and Finish Group

Reporting to Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Our key question:	How can Birmingham deliver Active Travel schemes quicker and make city roads safer for all users?
1. How is O&S adding value through this work?	<p>Improving road safety is always a priority for communities across the city, however this has significantly increased in recent months. This follows several tragic incidents on Birmingham's streets where cyclists and pedestrians, both adults and children, have died or been injured, and resulted in strong public interest.</p> <p>The Council has been criticised for the time taken to deliver, and the design of, active travel schemes in comparison to neighbouring Local Authorities. If this is true, Birmingham residents will wait longer to enjoy the benefits of better cycling and walking infrastructure. In turn, the city will take longer to realise its ambitions outlined in the Birmingham Transport Plan to shift to a low traffic city.</p> <p>Through this inquiry, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee intends to understand if there are different and better ways for the Council to deliver Active Travel schemes and make recommendations to achieve this. This will also complement and feed into the new Road Safety Strategy for Birmingham, which is currently under development.</p>
2. What needs to be done?	<p>The Task and Finish Group will receive evidence from a range of stakeholders in order to consider the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are Active Travel schemes funded within the city?• What is the current size, scale and scope of the activity under development and being delivered including joint projects with the WMCA?• What is the design, development and delivery process?• How does the Council work together as a single organisation to develop and deliver Active Travel schemes?• What are the current barriers and challenges the Council is facing to deliver these schemes?• Where are the opportunities for acceleration and what would this require?• How do other Local Authorities do it differently? What can we learn from their approaches?
3. What timescale do we propose to do this in?	The Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee will agree its recommendations on 12 October 2023.
4. What outcomes are we looking to achieve?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outcome 1: Make Birmingham's roads safer for all users• Outcome 2: Enable more efficient development and delivery of Active Travel Schemes



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome 3: Complement work on the Council's new Road Safety Strategy.
5. What is the best way to achieve these outcomes and what routes will we use?	<p>A Task and Finish Group is the recommended approach comprising cross party membership.</p> <p>The Task and Finish Group will meet approximately 5 times. Initial scoping will take place at the Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee in July. The Task and Finish group will then meet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1: Carry out site visits to pending, current and completed Active Travel schemes within Birmingham (these will be identified in conjunction with the relevant service and may involve some/ all of the Committee). Session 2: Consider evidence from stakeholders including Better Streets for Birmingham; Urban Transport Group; WMCA. Session 3: Consider evidence from Birmingham City Council services. Session 4: Consider evidence from neighbouring Local Authorities. Session 5: Identify key findings and discuss recommendations. <p>The order of the sessions may not follow the above.</p>

Member / Officer Leads

Lead Member:	Chair: Cllr. Lee Marsham
Members of the Task and Finish Group:	To be confirmed following discussion at Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee on 12 July 2023.
Lead Officer and support:	<p>Support for the Task and Finish Group will be provided by the Overview and Scrutiny team.</p> <p>This support will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with members to agree meeting dates Liaising with Council services to arrange site visits and evidence gathering sessions Inviting people to give evidence Agreeing the agenda with the Chair Circulating agenda and papers in advance of the meeting Producing a record of Task and Finish Group meetings that is agreed with the Chair / Task and Finish Group members Producing the report for Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee <p>In addition, the Head of Transport Planning and Network Strategy (Mel Jones) and Transport Planning Manager, Streetscape (Martin Rowe) will act as Council service support.</p> <p>This support will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing evidence to the Committee Liaising with other relevant services within the Council

