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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To introduce a presentation from Cllr Clyde Loakes of the London Borough of Waltham Forest and the projects being delivered through Waltham Forest Council's Mini-Holland programme.
- 1.2 To provide an update on the Streets for People demonstration projects being delivered in West Yorkshire through the Integrated Transport Block Programme 2019-22

2. Information

Background

Waltham Forest Presentation

- 2.1 Cllr Loakes, Deputy Leader of Waltham Forest Council, will be attending Transport Committee to introduce the Waltham Forest Mini-Holland programme.

- 2.2 The Chair of Transport Committee visited Waltham Forest in April 2019 on a cycling and walking site visit arranged by the Department for Transport (DfT) in support of their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan programme.
- 2.3 Waltham Forest is an outer London borough in the north east of Greater London, with a population of 270,000. In 2013, Waltham Forest was one of three outer London boroughs (along with Kingston and Enfield) that secured funding through Transport for London's (TfL) Mini-Holland programme, to help Londoners use cars less and walk, cycle and use public transport more. Waltham Forest secured £30 million for their Mini Holland programme, to be delivered by 2021.
- 2.4 Cllr Loakes' presentation will describe scheme details and the experience of developing and delivering these schemes. A total of thirteen schemes are being delivered through the programme, including:
- Town centre schemes, including high street improvements improving walking and cycle access and the quality of place;
 - Neighbourhood schemes with residential street treatments, reducing through-traffic, with traffic filtering and creation of public green space;
 - Major junction improvements to create better, safer walking and cycle facilities across the junction;
 - Cycle routes across the borough, both segregated cycle tracks on main roads and "quietway" cycle routes on quieter roads;
 - Cycling storage provision in residential areas and cycle hubs at public transport interchanges;
 - Behaviour change programmes to encourage more walking and cycling.

West Yorkshire Streets for People Demonstration Projects update

- 2.5 The West Yorkshire partners have commenced work to deliver similar projects and outcomes to the Waltham Forest initiatives. This paper provides an update on early progress with these demonstration projects which are being funded by the Integrated Transport Block (ITB) programme 2019-22.
- 2.6 The West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040, developed by Transport Committee and adopted by the Combined Authority in August 2017 includes policy commitments to:
- (Policy 32) Improve our residential areas with transport and streetscape improvements, using best practice in street design. We will work with local communities to make residential areas safer, healthier and greener, with attractive environments for play, walking and cycling;
 - (Policy 33) Wherever possible to seek to mitigate the impacts that major transport corridors have on communities. We will reduce the severance, noise and poor air quality that can affect people's quality of life.
- 2.7 The demonstration projects seek to support the policies described above. The projects are collected in a programme called 'Streets for People'. The initial working title was "Healthy Streets". A change of name was prompted by the

registering of a trademark using the term “Healthy Streets” by a private consultancy firm, which might limit use of the term.

- 2.8 The Combined Authority meeting of 25 April 2019 approved the ITB programme for 2019 to 2022, following endorsement by Transport Committee in March 2019. ITB grant generally supports business as usual delivery of small scale transport improvements, where the need, benefits and approach to projects are understood. ITB however also provides opportunity to test new ideas. A feature of the ITB programme 2019-22 was a £5 million allocation for Streets for People demonstration projects to the value of £1 million for each district. These projects are to be led and delivered by the partner councils, with the support of the Combined Authority, Public Health England, Local Public Health teams and other partners. The intention is to deliver exemplar projects that showcase what can be achieved by communities and delivery agencies working together to improve places and people’s well-being.
- 2.9 Each of the partner councils proposed project locations, which provide a range of different place and road types that should be helpful to learn from and develop an overall approach for potential roll-out of a Streets for People approach. Table 1 below provides an overview of the demonstration projects endorsed by Transport Committee in March 2019.

Council	Funding allocation	No. of Projects	Location	Place/Road type
Bradford	£1m	1	Shipley	Local Town Centre
Calderdale	£1m	1	Park ward (West Halifax)	Residential area
Kirklees	£1m	2	New Mill, South Kirklees Plus 1 other site not confirmed)	Major transport corridor
Leeds	£1m	1	The Receptions, (Holbeck Moor)	Residential area
Wakefield	£1m	1	Horsefair, Pontefract	Local Town Centre

- 2.10 The approach to the projects emphasises early and continued stakeholder engagement. The three year funding profile identified that year 1 allocations (£100,000 in 2019-20) should be focussed on establishing relationships with communities and partner organisations and exploring local issues and testing options, before proceeding to a worked-up preferred option for delivery in years two (2020-21) and three (2021-22)
- 2.11 Ongoing project evaluation is also important in scheme development. A Streets of People Designers Audit Tool has been developed by the partners to help designers consider the issues that affect the experience of using a street. The Audit Tool uses 12 indicators. The tool is intended to be applied at least three times throughout project development: (1) Prior to the project commencing to assess existing conditions; (2) In the design phase during

option assessment where the benefits of individual options can be compared against the existing conditions; and (3) Post implementation to assess the overall impact of the scheme to compare against both previous conditions and the predictions during the design phase. The tool is draft and the intention is to use the experience of applying it to demonstration projects to refine it for possible future use for a range of transport and place-based projects.

- 2.12 An inception workshop for all of the partner councils hosted by the Combined Authority in early July 2019 brought together a number of officers representing a range of disciplines from the each of the authorities including Highways and Transportation, Landscape, Economic Regeneration, and Public Health, to work on these projects. Progress since that workshop has been encouraging with the building of inter-departmental project teams, early engagement with communities and stakeholders, and evidence gathering. **Appendix 1** provides an update on progress with each demonstration project. Further updates will be made to Transport Committee as projects progress.
- 2.13 As the ambition of the Streets for People initiative extends beyond transport matters and into inclusive growth, place making and public health agendas, the Transport Committee meeting of March 2019 agreed to hold a workshop in Year 1 of the programme with West Yorkshire District Portfolio Holders and Members of the Combined Authority's Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel, Places Panel and Green Economy Panel to review and further shape the ambition, scope, timetable and key milestones of the demonstration projects. It is proposed that this workshop is held early in 2020 which will provide timely input to inform the progression of the Demonstrations projects from Phase 1 (Options assessment and Community engagement) to Phase 2 (Detailed design of preferred option and further consultation and engagement).

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5. Staffing Implications

- 5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6. External Consultees

- 6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That the Committee thanks Cllr Clyde Loakes for his presentation

- 7.2 That the Committee notes the progress with the Streets for People demonstration projects being delivered in West Yorkshire through the Integrated Transport Block Programme 2019-22.
- 7.3 That Transport Committee agrees to hold a workshop in January or February 2020 with West Yorkshire District Portfolio Holders and Members of the Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel, Place Panel and Green Economy Panel to review progress and input to the further progression of the Streets for People Demonstration projects.

8. Background Documents

None.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Progress update for each ‘Streets for People’ demonstration projects