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**Report to:** Transport Committee

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## **1. Purpose of this report**

1.1 To provide the Transport Committee with an update on current issues.

## **2. Information**

### Development of Future Mobility Strategy

- 2.1 The Combined Authority are currently developing a Future Mobility Strategy for the Leeds City Region. In order to inform development of this strategy, a series of 'test and challenge' workshops have been held with key local and national stakeholders during February. The results of these workshops will help shape development of the Future Mobility Strategy which we plan to present to Transport Committee and the Combined Authority for adoption in late summer.
- 2.2 We are currently arranging briefing sessions with Members during April and are developing plans for public engagement during May.

### Design Principles for Walking and Cycling

- 2.3 Draft principles for the design and management of cycling and walking facilities have been developed in draft and technical input is being sought from partner council teams responsible for highways design and maintenance.
- 2.4 The development of the draft principles is being supported through engagement of external advisors acting as a critical friend, providing insight from their current work to develop national design guidance on cycling on behalf of the Department for Transport.
- 2.5 Initial discussions with members of the Walking and Cycling Working Group have been held at their meeting in October 2019 and further input into the draft principles will be sought at the group's next meeting. Stakeholder input is proposed to be sought through the existing CityConnect Advisory Group.
- 2.6 It is now proposed to present the draft principles document to Transport Committee in May 2020 following further input from working group members, officers and stakeholders.

### School Transport

- 2.7 In July 2019, the Transport Committee approved a revised set of guidelines covering the provision of subsidised school bus services. Members of the Committee can view these at [wymetro.com/schools](http://wymetro.com/schools). These set out the circumstances in which services will and will not normally be provided. The date set for implementing changes associated with the new guidelines is September 2020. The Combined Authority's Education Transport team are currently working on plans and these will be shared with schools, parents and other interested parties in due course.

## **3. Clean Growth Implications**

- 3.1 The report identifies work currently ongoing on the development of the Future Mobility Strategy, which will support our target to become a net zero carbon city region by 2038 through increased sustainable travel practices, improved connectivity and integration of services.
- 3.2 The development of design principles for the design and management of cycling and walking facilities will help ensure that improvements made through Combined Authority projects and programmes will be of a level of quality that will enable more people to walk and cycle more often, especially for shorter journeys and helping to achieve the midterm targets identified in the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040. Achievement of these targets offer potential to reduce carbon through more people travelling on foot or by bike, as an alternative form of transport.

## **4. Financial Implications**

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

## **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

## **6. Staffing Implications**

6.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

## **7. External Consultees**

7.1 None

## **8. Recommendations**

8.1 That the Committee notes the updates provided in this report.

## **9. Background Documents**

9.1 None

## **10. Appendices**

10.1 None