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**Report to:** Bradford District Consultation Sub Committee

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**Subject:** **Information Report**

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

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Bradford District.
- 1.2 Updates on regional and national issues are covered in the papers for Transport Committee, the latest set are available on the following link; [Transport Committee Meeting 12 March 2021](#)
- 1.3 A list of current projects in Bradford District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1

## **2. Information**

### Bus Services

- 2.1 In line with government guidance, bus service levels have been constantly adapted throughout this pandemic.
- 2.2 Services are currently temporarily reduced, however bus operators started to reinstate service levels from 8<sup>th</sup> March. This initially focused on bringing Monday-Friday timetables back to normal levels so that all school journeys can be made. Some weekend services will remain reduced.
- 2.3 There will then be a further ramp up of services from 12 April when non-essential retail opens. This should then bring service levels back to normal.
- 2.4 It is recognised that the impact of COVID will have a longer term effect on patronage levels and therefore there is a risk to the viability of some services when COVID government funding is reduced/withdrawn. The Combined Authority is liaising with the Department for Transport to understand what

funding will be available to help support the recovery of the bus network going forward.

### Active Travel - Emergency Active Travel Fund

- 2.5 West Yorkshire Combined Authority and our Partner Councils are working to deliver a wide ranging programme of proposals to create more space for cycling and walking, funded through the Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund.
- 2.6 The Combined Authority received notification in November 2020 that it had been awarded the full amount requested for Active Travel Fund – Tranche 2 schemes from DfT. Our Tranche 2 proposals set out a programme of temporary and permanent infrastructure delivery across West Yorkshire, supported by accompanying behaviour change activities to enable more people to make use of the new infrastructure.
- 2.7 A list of the proposed schemes is available on the Combined authority website: [emergency-active-travel-fund-programmes.pdf \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/emergency-active-travel-fund-programmes.pdf)
- 2.8 A consultation plan has been developed in partnership with the districts and has been published on the Combined Authority website [active-travel-tranche-2-west-yorkshire-consultation-plan.pdf \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/active-travel-tranche-2-west-yorkshire-consultation-plan.pdf)
- 2.9 Consultation activity will be undertaken over the next few months and feedback will be considered before construction work commences on a scheme. Details of the consultations will be added to [Your Voice](#).

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

### **4. Background Documents**

None.

### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Current Project Activity Bradford March 2021