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REPORT OF  
THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR PLACE  
TO  
GROWTH AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY PANEL  
ON  
28 SEPTEMBER 2020

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- TITLE: Emergency Active Travel (EAT) Funds & Mayor's Cycling & Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) scheme prioritisation and bidding update.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the panel;

1. Notes the walking and cycling interventions from EAT & MCF programmes.
  2. Notes the progress in delivering these schemes.
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Covid-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed the way that people are travelling across Greater Manchester. Public transport capacity has been severely reduced and walking and cycling trips have significantly increased. Recent data shows that one million cycling trips are now being made each week across Greater Manchester, an increase of 34% on pre lockdown levels.

Prior to the lockdown Salford City Council was already working to deliver a comprehensive programme of walking and cycling interventions through the Mayors Walking and Cycling Challenge Fund (MCF). Recently SCC has secured additional Emergency Active Travel (EAT) funding as part of the Covid-19 response to implement measures that will support more walking and cycling trips and help to enforce appropriate social distancing.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: (Open to the Public)

N/a.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

N/a.

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KEY DECISION:

NO

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**DETAILS:**

**1.0 Background**

1.1 Salford City Council has received grant funding from MCF and EAT to deliver a range of interventions that support walking and cycling trips across the city. The report provides an update on these bids and the programme.

**2.0 Emergency Active Travel (EAT)**

2.1 Salford City Council has secured £1,532,073 of grant from a combination of the MCF and tranche 1 of the DfT's EAT travel grant to implement walking and cycling measures. The detail of these funding sources is described below.

MCF EAT

2.2 GM Mayor Andy Burnham has allocated £0.5 million to each district in Greater Manchester to implement measures that facilitate social distancing and encourage more walking and cycling trips. The funding covers a broad range of interventions including barrier removal, signage and temporary infrastructure. It is for districts to determine how best to utilise this funding to deliver the maximum benefits. Officers are working on a delivery programme to fully utilise the grant by the end March 2021.

2.3 Salford City Council used the Commonplace online consultation tool to engage with residents in June 2020 through the #safestreetssavelives campaign, and received approximately 4,500 comments and suggestions for walking and cycling interventions. Officers are currently working through these to determine a comprehensive programme of schemes in full consultation with the Lead Members and the Walking & Cycling Champion. So far the following interventions have been delivered.

- 2.0 km of additional walking and cycling routes including Irwell Street, Blackfriars Street and Liverpool Street;

- Cleared barriers including overgrown vegetation and blockages at 12 locations across the city; and
- Provided 250 “keep your distance” signs citywide.

#### DfT Tranche 1 EAT

- 2.4 In addition to the local MCF funding, the DfT has a national EAT programme. This programme has been phased into two tranches. Salford City Council secured £1.032 million of this tranche 1 funding (34%) of the total award to GM.
- 2.5 The DfT Tranche 1 funding is only available for specific interventions that reallocate road space to walking and cycling such as pop up cycle lanes and point closures / modal filters. The DfT also require authorities to deliver the interventions by the end of September 2020.
- 2.6 The tranche 1 schemes were selected as they advanced existing programmes of work such as the MCF, for which consultation and engagement with residents, stakeholders and members had already been undertaken. This allowed interventions such as modal filters to be implemented quickly and trialled in advance of the main programme. A summary of Salford’s confirmed DfT tranche 1 schemes and current delivery progress is shown below.

#### Salford’s DfT Tranche 1 EAT programme

<b>DfT Tranche</b>	<b>Scheme Type</b>	<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Delivery Progress</b>
1	Pop up cycle lane	Blackfriars Street	Blackfriars St become amended to one way for traffic outbound, between St Mary's Parsonage and Chapel Street. Enabling the inbound lane to be established for cycles and pedestrians only.	Scheme Complete
1	Bus gate	Chapel Street East / Victoria Bridge Street	Introduction of a bus gate on Chapel Street, after the junction with Victoria Bridge Street, restricting general traffic travelling north east bound towards Victoria Street.	Scheme completion scheduled for end of September 2020
1	Pop up cycle lane	Chapel Street East	Introduction of protected cycle lanes in both directions along Chapel Street in the city centre.	Scheme completion scheduled for end of September 2020

1	Modal Filters / Point Closures	Trinity and Islington Neighbourhoods	Implementation of 7 Modal Filters to trial proposals for filtered neighbourhoods as part of the MCF City Centre Bee Network.	Scheme Complete
1	Pop up cycle lane	Oldfield Road Corridor	Introduction of light segregation cycle lanes.	Scheme complete.
1	Pop up cycle lane	Liverpool Street	Provision of light segregation cycle route	Scheme complete.

2.7 The completed schemes have received a lot of positive feedback from local residents and cycling groups and the Trinity & Islington Filtered Neighbourhood has featured in a national campaign for cycling England featuring Chris Boardman. However there has also been some concerns raised and given this we will be reviewing the implemented measures as part of plans to make the schemes permanent.

#### DfT Tranche 2 EAT

2.8 The DfT have released further EAT funding in tranche 2 and TfGM coordinated a GM bid based around the following themes.

- Access to the Regional Centre
- Access to Town Centres
- Active neighbourhoods
- Complementary measures (e.g cycle parking)

Salford has made a bid for approximately £0.9 million of funding to deliver the following;

- A6 cycle improvements
- Eccles Old Road cycle improvements
- Blackfriars Street cycle improvements
- Swinton active neighbourhood

2.9 The DfT announcement on the tranche 2 bid is expected at the end of September 2020. Further updates will be provided as more information is available.

### **3.0 Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF)**

3.1 Between July 2018 and November 2019, GMCA sequentially approved Tranches 1 to 6 of the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund, granting schemes Programme Entry. There are currently no further tranches of MCF available to bid to. In total tranches 1-6 comprised 82 cycling and walking schemes with a forecast MCF funding requirement of £358.5 million. This is in excess of the £160 million allocated so far to the MCF programme. Following the over-programming of the MCF and the creation of an infrastructure pipeline, on the 5 May 2020 GMCA approved the first phase of Bee Network delivery, based on identified District priorities. This phase has a forecast value of £216.5 million.

3.2 Salford is currently developing all schemes awarded Programme Entry to business case stage, and will prioritise these for delivery as schemes are awarded funding. Trafford Road has recently received full business case approval. Full Business case submissions for Swinton Greenway and RHS links are currently being assessed and expect to start on site in 2021. All other schemes are progressing through design, consultation and business case development.

- Salford: SBNI – A6 Broad Street / B6186 Frederick Road Salford
- Chapel Street East Phase 1: Demonstrator Project
- Swinton Greenway
- Trafford Road
- Barton Aqueduct
- City Centre Package
- RHS Links
- Trinity Way/Springfield Lane Crossing
- Monton Town Centre
- Ordsall Filtered Neighbourhood
- Liverpool Street junctions

3.3 The online consultation tool Commonplace is a community engagement platform that allows stakeholders to view, and give comments / feedback on scheme proposals. Commonplace is being utilised to engage with the public and stakeholders across the full MCF programme as appropriate to individual project stages. Schemes currently being consulted on can be view via the link below.

<https://salford.commonplace.is/>

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KEY COUNCIL POLICIES:

- Salford 2025, a Modern Global City.
  - Transport in Salford 2025.
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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

The schemes will be designed in accordance with highways design standards and Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) legislation.

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ASSESSMENT OF RISK: **Low** – The Highways Design team are experienced in the design of schemes of this nature and delivery will be undertaken through Highway Services who have a successful track record of delivering schemes. In addition the schemes will be entirely funded via external grant funding.

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SOURCE OF FUNDING: This schemes are to be funded from either MCF or EAT grant The City Council will claim any grant funding in arrears on a quarterly basis.

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal implications will be reported on as approvals are sought.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Submitted by:

Financial implications will be reported on as approvals are sought.

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PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Procurement implications will be reported on as approvals are sought.

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CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS: The schemes will encourage more walking and cycling in line with the council's climate change aspirations.

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OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: N/a.

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WARD(S) TO WHICH REPORT RELATE(S): All

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