

COUNCIL: 22 MARCH 2018

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT STATEMENT

Transport & Clean Air Green Paper

I am pleased to launch the Transport & Clean Air Green Paper today. I would like to thank officers and colleagues from across the political parties for their involvement in the development of this Green Paper. The consultation will close on 1 July 2018 and I would call on Council to help ensure a full response to this Green Paper by encouraging local communities, stakeholder organisations and members of the public to join in the conversation. Copies of the Green Paper will be available in local hubs and branch libraries and can be accessed online at: www.cardiff.gov.uk/askcardiff Targeted engagement sessions will be undertaken with seldom heard groups alongside broader awareness raising activities. I will also be seeking the Lord Mayor's permission to debate the Green Paper at the June meeting of Council.

Welsh Government Direction

Cardiff Council has received a legal direction by Welsh Government to undertake a feasibility study to identify the option that, in the shortest possible time, will deliver compliance with legal limits for air quality. This study, which will report in September 2018, will consider the scale of the current air pollution challenge, all of the options and measures currently in place or planned – many of which are set out in the Transport & Clean Air Green Paper – and will recommend what will need to happen next to reduce air pollution to legal levels, in the shortest time possible. Cardiff is not alone in having to tackle this issue. Similar feasibility studies have been directed recently by the UK Government in Bristol, Manchester and Leeds. Cabinet will be discussing this issue at its meeting on 28 March 2018, following a consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee. I will keep Council informed of developments.

Car Free Day Cardiff 2018

Car Free Day Cardiff 2018 will be held on Sunday 13 May 2018 from 10am to 4pm in the city centre. The event will include a full city centre road closure, plus a section of North Road and the closure of the Civic Centre. Within the road closure area, there will be a 5km HSBC British Cycling Let's Ride family cycle ride. There will also be a wide range of on-street attractions and family entertainment, including cycle training; cycle parking; music; performances; BMX displays; climbing wall; bike repair; sustainable transport promotions/activity and sport-related content. We are also working with Public Health Wales to measure the health impacts of the event, including air quality, noise pollution and active travel.

Buses will operate from specified satellite locations and discounted travel will be available on the day. Travel planning information will be published nearer the event date. A marketing campaign to support the event will also be implemented 4 weeks ahead of the event using the hashtag #carfreeDIFF. Anyone wishing to get involved, or who needs further information, should contact: carfreeday@cardiff.gov.uk

British Cycling and HSBC GoRide Cycling Update

The delivery of cycling initiative is progressing with the aim of getting more kids out on their bikes.

GoRide – Schools Confirmed

- Coed Glas Primary (triple intake)
- Radyr Primary (double intake)
- Danescourt Primary (double intake)
- Whitchurch Primary (triple intake)

Schools in talks with GoRide Coaches

- Stacey Primary (single intake)
- Ninian Park Primary (double intake)
- Oakfield Primary (double intake)
- Radnor Primary (double intake)

Assembly & Taster Sessions

- Cathays High School
- Willows High School

Holiday Courses

- Easter and summer holiday Friday courses in conjunction with the Road Safety Team's National Standards courses in Maindy.
- Commonwealth Games afternoon at Maindy during Easter.

Community Activities

- 2 x BMX holiday taster sessions being held in the summer half term.
- Sessions in Grangetown twice a month aimed at the BME (black and minority ethnic) community.
- Fortnightly sessions on Splott Pump track
- 4 week scheme in Gabalfa with children at risk of ASB in conjunction with South Wales Police.
- 7 sessions planned with Women and Girls to introduce them to key skills of riding a bike and introducing them to a racing environment.
- Currently in the process of arranging monthly disability sessions in Sophia Gardens.

Club Development

- Whitchurch coach and club development activities planned
- Cardiff BMX racing club has been formed.

Highways

Through working with the CSS Highway Asset group, all Local Authorities in Wales have been successful in receiving additional funding from the Welsh Government to support additional funding to highway infrastructure maintenance. Cardiff received £2.571m of additional funding that will now be utilised in 2018/19 to support highway infrastructure maintenance.

Some of the planned improvement schemes have been delayed because of the adverse weather conditions and we appreciate your patience in this matter.

Councillor Caro Wild
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport
21 March 2018