

**COUNCIL: 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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## **STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT STATEMENT**

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### **Clean Air Plan**

At the end of July, the Welsh Government confirmed its acceptance of our Clean Air Plan, subject to some further clarification and refinement. Officers are continuing to work with Welsh Government officials on this in order to fully finalise the plan so that funding can be fully approved in the coming weeks. The Council has put together a comprehensive, intelligent, long term plan and business case to reduce NO2 levels in Cardiff.

The Clean Air Plan, identifies a package of measures, which we know will not only greatly improve our air quality, but will fundamentally shift the way we move around the city centre. The measures will not only achieve legal compliance in the shortest possible time, but will support wider air quality and public health improvements to ensure that the health and well-being of our citizens and environment is protected and improved. We look forward to continuing to work constructively with the Welsh Government to finalise these plans, so we can implement these changes as quickly as possible.

### **Nextbike Update**

New rental locations will be installed in September and October and remaining equipment will be deployed following a review of the overall network. During September, it is anticipated that an additional 200-300 bikes will be deployed around the city which will allow the existing fleet to be upgraded more rapidly. Work is also continuing to extend the network at lower risk sites, together with continuing mitigation measures to reduce vandalism on the existing fleet. Nextbike continues to work closely with South Wales Police.

Work has begun on assessing sites for suitability for the small eBike fleet which will enhance the current network and improve range and accessibility for customers who may not feel that membership is an option at present. An assessment of power availability forms part of this work as this section of the fleet must be charging when not in use.

Ride levels continue to be strong on the fleet with around 6000-7000 rides per week even where bike numbers are reduced.

I am pleased to report that Pedal Power Cycling Centre and Bike Hire Charity have also recently featured in the Parliamentary Review Magazine and this included details of Cardiff's Nextbikes.

## **LDP Strategic Sites**

I am pleased to announce that Strategic Site monitoring documents have now gone live on the Council's website at:

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Planning/Local-Development-Plan/major-development-monitoring/Pages/default.aspx>

The documents provide a summary of information relating to Strategic Sites allocated in the Local Development Plan (LDP) including:

- Planning Histories – where new applications have been received and which applications have been determined,
- Development Activity – which sites are currently under construction and an indication of how many homes / premises have been completed,
- Infrastructure Provision – the supporting infrastructure that has been agreed through S106 agreements and details of those works and other associated projects that are in the pipeline, or are currently being undertaken.

We will be updating the documents twice a year to include images of new homes and supporting facilities as the sites are developed.

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