

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING	Climate Emergency & Sustainability Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	16th November 2020
TITLE:	Transport and Covid 19
WARD:	All
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 BACKGROUND

To outline the current position regarding transport, actions taken to date to support the Councils transport delivery plans during the Covid 19 pandemic and the next steps that will be taken.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Climate Emergency & Sustainability Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel is asked to;

2.1 Note the update given through the presentation

3 THE REPORT

3.1 The Covid 19 pandemic has impacted on the behaviours and movements of both people and traffic. Whilst volumes of traffic have reduced slightly overall and at peak times, the overall levels during the interpeak periods have increased.

3.2 Significant impacts have also been seen on the public transport sector within the B&NES area with significant reductions in the overall levels of passengers.

3.3 To offset some of the impacts of the pandemic and to increase the space available for social distancing, Central Government have released funds, via the West of England Combined Authority, to deliver Emergency Active Travel schemes.

- 3.4 Tranche 1 of the schemes were delivered and Tranche 2 schemes are currently being considered by Department of Transport.
- 3.5 Additionally, regulations have changed to allow e-scooter schemes to be launched in a number of trail areas across the Country, including Bath. The trials are expected to showcase the e-scooter use and understand some of the issues and challenges rather than establishing the longer-term set up for the mode or indeed final operational business models.

4. STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 All schemes are and will be subject, where necessary, to the statutory Traffic Regulation Order processes.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 There are no direct resource implications from this update.
- 5.2 All schemes presented are or have been subject to individual resource assessments and funding has been secured from a number of different sources including Central Government.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. There are no direct resource implications from this update.
- 6.2. Risk assessments related to the individual schemes have been undertaken in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 All schemes developed as part of the response to the pandemic are in line with the requirements of the climate declaration and the recognition that road traffic plays a significant part in the generation of CO₂.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The schemes promoted are subject, where necessary, to consultation as required under the specific legislation used, including through the Traffic Regulation Order process.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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