

Appendix 1 Project Details

Project A: Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

The Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) / Department for Transport (DfT) have approached WMCA with a proposal to fund the project that WMCA (via Transport for West Midlands), the Council, Coventry City Council and Black Country Transport bid into the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Pilot funding round in July 2022.

The WMCA led bid was initially not selected for funding but received very positive feedback. OZEV/DfT are considering offering additional funding in the 2022/23 financial year, over and above the £10million initially available through the Pilot, which would enable the WMCA led bid to progress in addition to those bids originally awarded funding.

If approved, the project would deliver electric vehicle charging infrastructure and support solar PV canopies and battery storage at a range of WMCA and local authority owned car parks and destinations across six West Midlands Metropolitan Boroughs.

The bid is for a total project cost of £8.4million with a grant funding requirement of £3million and the remainder to be privately financed through a Charge Point Operator.

The Solihull elements of the project makes up £3.5million of the total project costs. Of this £1.2million is payable via the grant and relates to delivery of approx. 200 charging connectors in Solihull, including 55 at TfWM's Whitlock's End Station Park and Ride, with the £2.8million balance coming from the private sector.

If funding is awarded the project would be expected to be completed by end of the 2024/25 financial year.

Project B: Chelmsley Wood 15-Minute Neighbourhood

Although unsuccessful with the previous submission to Pioneer Places the Council now has the opportunity to submit an application through Innovate UK's next funding round called Fast Followers.

The Council is leading on the funding application for £300k, again working with E.ON UK and the WMCA. Unlike Pioneer Places, Fast Followers is offering funding for 2 years with the ability to fund a post over this time to support the delivery of the programme.

Like the submission to Pioneer Places, this bid will help to develop and instigate the delivery of a 'place-based' approach to decarbonisation of a neighbourhood that has both economic challenges and significant plans for growth.

If the application is approved, the project will seek to address the non-technical barriers of financing, community involvement, behaviour change and cost as barriers to engaging in net zero within the context of a place-based whole system approach.

Project C: Chelmsley Wood Town Centre North-West Quarter Redevelopment Phase 1

In January 2023, Cabinet considered and approved public engagement on Chelmsley Wood Town Centre North-West Quarter Masterplan and the preparation of an outline planning application for the first phase of development.

An Outline Business Case (OBC) is being prepared for submission to the WMCA's Investment Programme to secure circa £600k of identified funding to support the next stages of scheme design development and procurement, through to Full Business Case.

Project D: M42 & West Coast Main Line (WCML) Multi-Modal Transport Bridges

The UK Central Hub (The Hub) comprises of a set of major infrastructure and national economic assets. The scale of new developments and expansion of existing operations planned in the area, including the new HS2 Interchange, over the next 20 years will result in greater demand and pressure on the existing transport network. Recent traffic modelling shows that the existing network does not provide satisfactory connectivity for multi-modal transport across The Hub, therefore restricting the ability of the transport network to meet the future needs of HS2 and The Hub's stakeholders, residents, and workforce. There is limited serviceable interaction between the residential communities surrounding UK Central Hub and a lack of continuous quality walking and cycling routes to provide connectivity to these communities. A resilient transport network and the provision of associated high-quality infrastructure that provides the required level of sustainable connectivity is critical to facilitating targeted levels of growth in the region.

The multi-modal bridges project aims to enhance connectivity and accessibility to The Hub by public transport and active travel, supporting a modal shift to sustainable transport and creating a seamless journey through the UK Central Hub area. The preferred intervention identifies the need for two multi-modal bridges (over the M42 and WCML) to support fundamental connectivity between Arden Cross, The NEC and HS2 Interchange with the rest of the UK Central Hub and wider transport corridors. The proposed M42 multi-modal bridge is strongly supported by stakeholders and is an immediate priority in the phasing delivery of infrastructure and intervention, given the priority to unlock development opportunities at Arden Cross and new housing at the NEC in accordance with the Council's draft Local Plan. Further optioneering work is required to determine the best location and design for crossing the WCML.

£5million of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funding has been identified through the WMCA to support this project. A Strategic Outline Case is being prepared for submission to the WMCA to secure this funding in order to support next stages of scheme development through to OBC. The work will include pre-construction works for the multi-modal bridge over the M42 and further optioneering work to support a multi-modal crossing over the WCML.

Project E: Kingshurst Village Centre Regeneration

Unfortunately, the Council's application to the Government's Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Round 2 for £12million was recently confirmed as unsuccessful. The Council

continues to explore all possible funding opportunities to advance redevelopment of Kingshurst Village Centre and is progressing a complementary package of funding applications to WMCA's Housing Fund, Homes England, GBSLEP EZ Regional Investment Fund and Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Brownfield Land Release Fund Round 2 (BLRF2). The value of these applications is still to be determined and will be subject to updated cost estimates, eligibility of works and phasing of delivery amongst other factors.