

Report to Wednesbury Levelling Up Partnership Board

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Subject:	LUP Community Safety: Nuisance Bikes
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To set out the progress of the nuisance bike measures as part of the LUP Community Safety Project

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That project delivery for the nuisance bike measures component of the community safety project is approved.

3. Background

- 3.1 The community safety project aims to improve community safety and perceptions of safety within Wednesbury
- 3.2 The project includes:
- Upgrading and expansion of CCTV infrastructure in Wednesbury Town Centre and Friar Park



- Purchase of new deployable cameras to tackle fly tipping across Wednesbury
- Introduction of Radio Link Scheme for local businesses
- Installation of Nuisance Bike Inhibitors in Friar Park area
- Recruitment of a Community & Business Engagement Officer

3.3 A breakdown of the budget is provided below:

Upgrade and expansion of CCTV and new deployable cameras	£0.25m
Nuisance Bike Measures	£0.15m
Community & Business Engagement Officer and Radio Link scheme	£0.1m
Total	£0.5m

3.4 Following a capital appraisal undertaken by the Council as part of project assurance arrangements, the Council’s S151 Officer has approved that project spend can commence.

3.5 In December 2024, the WLUP Board agreed that project delivery commence for the CCTV and business partnership components of the community safety project. Proposals are now finalised for the nuisance bike measures.

3.6 The proposals for the nuisance bike measures are up to 7 locations in green spaces in the Friar Park area of Wednesbury. Suitable options for measures may include a range of bike prevention measures including, chicanes, fencing, and K barriers (restricted entrances) – see Appendix 1

Consultation and Engagement

3.7 Consultation with Ward Members took place on 04/12 and information was included in Safer 6 week events. Initial input from the WLUP Board was provided at their meeting on 18/12.



- 3.8 A task and finish group consisting of partners from the police, planning, parks, housing and anti-social behaviour team has been in place to develop the nuisance bike measures involving the Design Out Crime Officer from West Midlands Police. This has developed potential options for the different locations.
- 3.9 Further consultation and engagement on the options for the different locations will be undertaken with affected residents.
- 3.10 A project communication and engagement plan for the Community Safety project as a whole has been prepared and is included on the WLUP Board agenda.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- 3.11 Project output measures were submitted to DLUHC as part of a return made prior to the Grant Funding agreement being issued. The measures were proposed but were not quantified.
- 3.12 Based on the project development to date, the expected outputs for this element of the project are:
 - 1 new business radio scheme implemented
 - Up to 7 locations with improved preventative measures
- 3.10 The community safety project is expected to contribute to the LUP programme outcome measures of:
 - Resident satisfaction with their local area as a place to live
 - Residents' perception of crime and antisocial behaviour
 - Recorded crime and ASB in Wednesbury
 - Number of nuisance bike reports in areas with new measures installed
 - Business vacancy rate in Wednesbury Town Centre/ Business Growth Measure / equiv.

1.20 Project Milestones are set out as follows:



Milestone	Date
Consultation and survey for CCTV scheme	Complete
WLUP Board approval to move to delivery phase for CCTV and business partnership	Complete
Recruitment for business and community engagement officer	Complete
WLUP Board approval to move to delivery phase for Nuisance Bike Measures	Feb-24
Procurement for CCTV scheme	Apr-24
Launch business scheme	Sep-24
CCTV scheme implemented	Jun-24
Nuisance Bike Measures implemented	Dec-24

4. Implications

<p>Resources:</p>	<p>£0.5m has been granted for the community safety project.</p> <p>A capital appraisal has been undertaken and project spend approved by the Council's S151 Officer.</p> <p>The LUP Grant includes the requirement for all spend to be made by March 2025. All project capital spend is due to be spent by mid 2024.</p> <p>Following receipt of quotations, the project budget has been reviewed to ensure grant maximisation whilst retaining sufficient contingency allowance.</p>
<p>Legal and Governance:</p>	<p>Procurement for the project will be in accordance with Sandwell MBC's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders for Contracts.</p> <p>Cabinet gave delegated approval to undertake all necessary procurement processes (including entering into contracts for the provision of goods and services and any direct contract awards) necessary to deliver</p>



	the Levelling Up Partnership interventions. (Ref 96/23/12)
Risk:	<p>A project risk register is in place and this has been reviewed as part of the project capital appraisal. As a result of the capital appraisal review, additional risks have been added to the register to reflect the risk of displacing crime and ASB.</p> <p>There are no significant project risks to report.</p>
Equality:	<p>The Equality Impact Assessment / Screening for the nuisance bike measures does not identify any adverse impact for those with protected characteristics. The services are provided for all residents and businesses and does not discriminate against any protected characteristic. Access points to areas will ensure ongoing access for those with disabilities and for those with prams and pushchairs.</p>
Health and Wellbeing:	<p>The underpinning objective of the LUP is to 'level up' and reduce inequalities. The proposed interventions focus on tackling health inequalities in a multi-faceted way and compliment public health programmes.</p> <p>Improvements to community safety measures are expected to lead to improvements in residents' perceptions of crime and safety.</p>
Social Value	<p>The proposed interventions will be delivered in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules and will deliver social value in line with the council's requirements.</p>
Climate Change	<p>There are no implications for climate change</p>
Corporate Parenting:	<p>Young peoples' views and opinions (voice of the child) have been considered through a suite of insight which informed the project's inclusion in the LUP. These included the Residents' Survey, SHAPE young people's survey, and specific engagement around crime and</p>

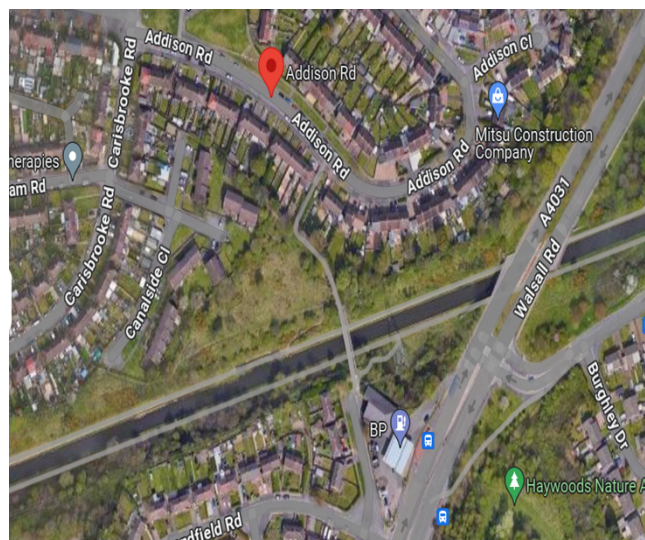
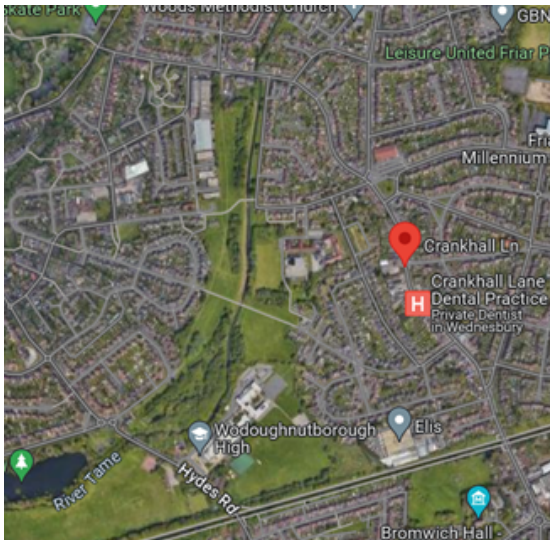


safety issues. Common themes of concerns were raised around ASB/drug use and dealing, off-road bikes, more police presence/visibility, improved safety at the bus station, groups hanging around the streets.

Within the Council's Young People's Corporate Plan, a commitment is made to have more CCTV cameras. This intervention will help deliver on the commitment.

Appendix 1

Proposed Locations



Oxford Street
Moor Street
Hydes Road
Addison Road

Kilvert Road
Richard Williams Close
Riverway

Indicative types of Inhibitors



