

BRIDGE, CLIFTON NORTH & CLIFTON SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE
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Title of paper:	Preparing for the tram		
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)			
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:			
Cutting unemployment by a quarter			<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour			<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City			<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre			<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down			<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events			<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities			<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
The report sets out preparations for the introduction of NET Phase 2 for public service and supporting actions to maximise local economic and community benefits.			
Recommendation(s):			
1	Members of the Area Committee input into the final preparations being made for the introduction of the tram to maximise benefits for the local area.		

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Tram construction works are now in their final phase with the tram contractors completing track finishing and remedial works over the coming weeks. Extensive driver training and system testing is well underway and following the successful night-time tests a full programme of day-time testing is now taking place.
- 1.2 An actual start date for the commencement of public operations is still to be announced but it is important that residents, retailers and other businesses are ready for the changes the introduction of the tram will bring and opportunities created.

- 1.3 In addition to the tram itself, there will be knock-on implications for bus services, general traffic, parking, pedestrians and cyclists.
- 1.4 Members of the Area Committee can still influence the final preparations for the introduction of tram services and comments and suggestions are invited.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The following sets out areas of activity that have been highlighted as being of particular interest to the Committee and current position:

Launch event and publicity

Tramlink will hold a pre-launch event with community and business representatives. During launch week there will be a series of tram stop events, which local businesses and groups will be encouraged to get involved.

Bus services

At this time it is not known how the commercial bus operators will respond to the introduction of the tram or if they will make any changes to existing services at all. The bus operators are required to register changes to routes and timetables eight weeks in advance of any changes made. The tram operator may also choose to provide feeder bus services to link with the tram. Once the tram is introduced the City Council will monitor the situation and watch for any gaps in service that may emerge. It may be possible to make changes to the limited number of Link services that operate in the Clifton and Meadows areas to plug any gaps in service identified but this will be funding dependent.

Integrated ticketing

The tram operator will set the fares but they are expected to be broadly in line with bus fares and fares on Line One. Through fares between all the routes will be available, as well as day tickets, season tickets etc across the network. The tram is also part of the Kangaroo integrated transport ticket.

Residents parking schemes

Consultation is taking place on changes to existing and establishment of new resident parking schemes along the tram alignment. The impact of any displaced parking as a result of the tram will be assessed once the tram is operational and any impacts can be evidenced.

New walking and cycling facilities

As part of the construction works new pedestrian and cycling facilities are being provided to help pedestrians and cyclists travel alongside and around the tramway. New cycle lanes and shared pedestrian/cycle paths have been put in along the entire length of the Clifton route. Designated crossings have been provided to help people cross the tracks safely. Cycle stands with CCTV and a secure Citycard cycle hub is being provided at the Clifton Park & Ride site.

A453 Widening

The first stretch of newly improved A453 through Clifton was opened to traffic on 11 June. Highways England opened the urban section in advance of the longer rural section which will open later in the month. Contractors will continue working for some time to complete finishing works, removal of materials and tidying up.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not promoting the tram effectively will result in the full potential benefits of this large infrastructure project not being fully realised.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 None at this stage.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 None at this stage

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Not required at this stage.

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None