

# Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee

## 30 September 2024

### Transforming Cities Programme

#### Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

#### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 To scrutinise the impacts and outcomes of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme to enhance sustainable transport in and around Nottingham.

#### 2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:

- 1) to make any comments or recommendations in response to the report of the Executive Member for Strategic Regeneration, Transport and Communications on the delivery and outcomes of the TCF programme; and
- 2) to consider whether any further scrutiny of the issue is required (and, if so, to identify the focus and timescales).

#### 3 Background information

- 3.1 The Government launched the £1.7 billion TCF in November 2017 to improve intra-city connectivity, productivity and prosperity through investment in sustainable transport, improving transport links and supporting local growth. Nottingham and Derby City Councils were jointly successful in securing £8.3 million from TCF Tranche 1 to carry out the most easily implementable measures to then create a foundation on which more investment could be delivered in the future. Following the submission of a Strategic Outline Business Case in November 2019, the two Councils were also successful in securing £161 million as part of a TCF Tranche 2.
- 3.2 The Nottingham/Derby submission received the full amount requested from the Department for Transport, with a main TCF programme focused on four key themes: City Centre Connectivity (focused on rail and bus stations, the public realm and interchange facilities), Strategic Nottingham/Derby/East Midlands Airport connectivity (bus and active travel), and separate Nottingham and Derby urban growth corridors (wide-ranging packages of sustainable transport measures). The Nottingham programme initially comprised 35 different projects, including:
- extensive areas of city centre public realm in the Broad Marsh area and improvements to routes linking to Nottingham Station, as well as a new East/West fully segregated, cross-city centre cycle route;
  - a large public transport package including bus priority at key junctions, new bus lanes, the upgrading of bus stations, hospital roadworks to accommodate

larger buses, the renewal of real-time information, supporting the rollout of contactless ticketing and increasing the number of parking spaces at tram park and ride sites;

- an active travel package, including cycle corridor improvements and upgrading cycle links between Nottingham, Derby and the East Midlands Airport growth area, infrastructure to support new public e-bike and e-scooter hire schemes, cycle parks and a new bridge over the River Trent; and
- the expansion of the D2N2 electric vehicle charge point network and Workplace Travel Service sustainable transport grants for employers.

3.3 There have been a number of challenges to the delivery of the TCF programme, including impacts from the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine, which have had significant effects on materials supply, energy and construction costs, and delivery timescales. As a result, the Nottingham programme was revised to 33 projects, with a total allocation of £92.6 million. As of the end of August 2024, £71.1 million of the city's TCF allocation had been spent and a further £3.8 million was contractually committed, with 21 schemes within the programme having been completed so far. The programme is now in its last year for the majority of works, with the final stage of construction activity to start in early 2025.

#### **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Report: Transforming Cities Programme - Progress Update
- 4.2 Appendix 1: Transforming Cities Programme - Delivery Progress
- 4.3 Appendix 2: Transforming Cities Programme - Funded Projects

#### **5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

- 5.1 None

#### **6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 6.1 [Transforming Cities Fund - Transport Nottingham](#)
- 6.2 [Transforming Cities Fund - Department for Transport](#)

#### **7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

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