

City of Wolverhampton – Covid Recovery Plan Relighting our City

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Key Issues to be covered

- Acknowledge what “we” all achieved over the past 17-18 months
- How we are responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic through our recovery strategy - Relighting our city
- A focus on one element - Stimulating Vibrant High Streets and Communities – re-imagining space, investing in infrastructure and enabling activity; and
- How we are delivering this with a Climate Focus – Ensuring what we do has a positive impact on our Climate Change agenda



Supporting our city's residents and businesses



779,919

meals **delivered** in **37,139** food parcels



25,358

Meals on Wheels deliveries made



80,000

vulnerable people written to **offering support**



12,300

contacts on **Stay Safe Be Kind** emergency line



3,000

children **supported** in **city schools**



210,196

garden bins **collected** - **1.7m** bins collected in total



177

homeless - or at risk of becoming homeless - **supported** with **room and a roof**



600,000+

items of **PPE sourced and delivered** by council to local care providers



£1.3m

made available by council **to support** local care providers



£40.4m

in **business grants** paid



£31.8m

in **business rates relief** processed



6,795

calls to the **business support phone line**



875,301

engagements from **1,664** social media posts



142,792

page views on council **coronavirus hub pages**



6,172

e-books and **audio books** downloaded from libraries



24,140

unique visitors to **WV Virtual Squad**



£51,576

raised by **One City Fund**

Get the latest local information at [wolverhampton.gov.uk/staysafebekind](https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/staysafebekind)

Source: City of Wolverhampton Council | Data taken up to 9 June 2020



RELIGHTING OUR CITY

RESET, RECOVER AND RELIGHT.

OUT OF DARKNESS, COMETH LIGHT...OUR CITY MOTTO HAS NEVER BEEN MORE RELEVANT.
WE'VE BEEN HIT-HARD BY THE PANDEMIC, BUT WE WILL **RESET, RECOVER AND RELIGHT.**



RELIGHTING OUR CITY



OUR PRINCIPLES

We will underpin our work with the following key principles;



CLIMATE FOCUSED

This recovery commitment is aligned to our climate change strategy 'Future Generations' and our target to make the City of Wolverhampton Council carbon - neutral by 2028. We are committed to delivering on the recommendations of our Climate Citizen Assembly and to upholding the promises we made when the Council declared a climate emergency in March 2019.



DRIVEN BY DIGITAL

The city is at the forefront of digital infrastructure and innovation, Wolverhampton will be one of the first cities in the world to host a 5G accelerator hub making us truly a world leader in emerging technology. Now more than ever digital skills and connectivity are vital to ensure our residents can access services, interact with friends and family, and enter the job market.



FAIR AND INCLUSIVE

We will continue to tackle the inequalities in our communities which impact on the opportunities of local people. We will ensure that no community is left behind, and that positive outcomes are shared by all as we transform our city together. Our 'Excellent' rated equalities framework underpins all our recovery plans to ensure that they reflect the communities we serve.

STIMULATE **VIBRANT** HIGH STREETS AND **COMMUNITIES**



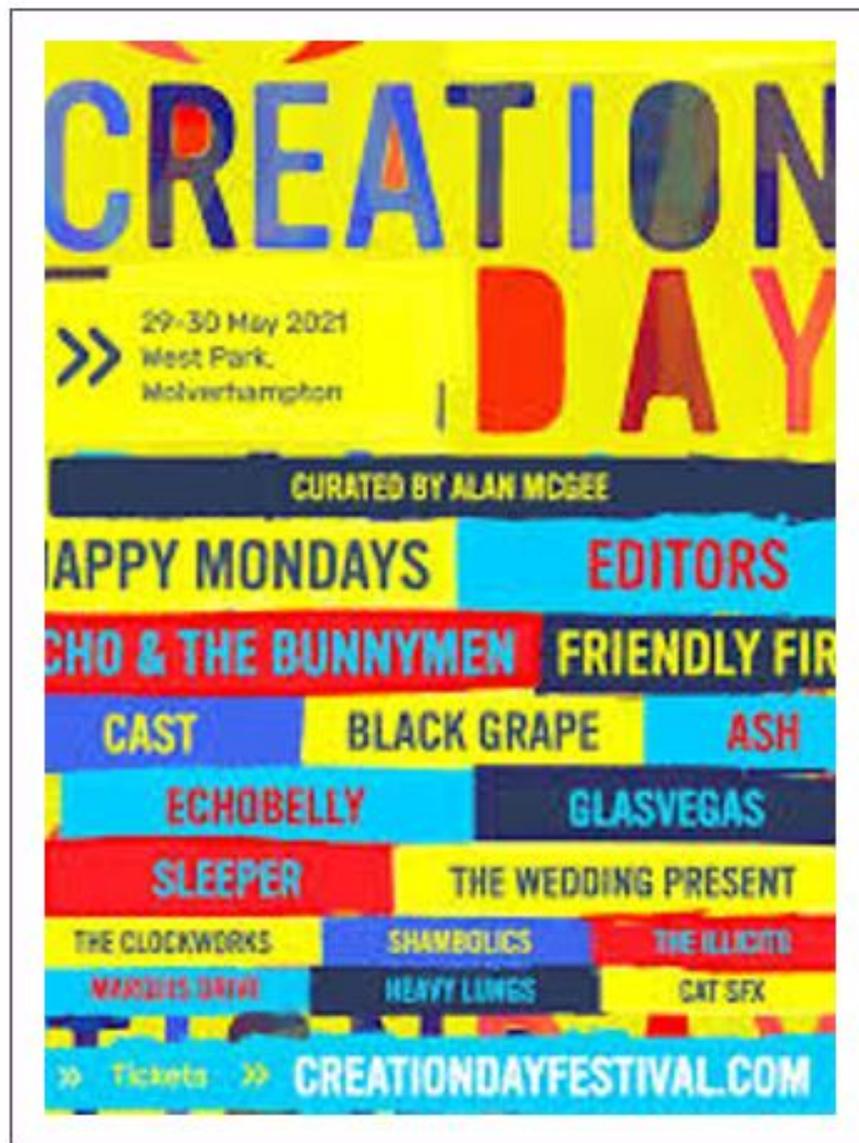
Stimulating Vibrancy - What was the Vision?

.....working closely with local businesses and partners we have successfully and safely reopened our high streets, **but now more than ever, it is vital that we continue to deliver our ambitious plans to reimagine and transform our city and town centres.**

We have a clear vision for the future, which builds on the fantastic assets in our local communities, a world class football team, excellent transport links and a growing reputation as a digital and cultural hub in the West Midlands

What has been delivered to date (1)

- Formed a multi-agency working group to oversee the reopening of retail and hospitality (June and December 2020 and again earlier this year)
- Group has developed Action Plan that brings together all aspects of the Vibrancy agenda –
 - Reimagining our High Streets
 - Continue to drive investment into our communities
 - Delivering our vision to be an Events City
- We consulted on these actions and priorities as part of the Relighting our City proposals – and they have since been endorsed by Cabinet



What has been delivered to date (2)

- Emergency Active Travel Fund (Tranche 1)
 - £340k investment in the City Centre, delivering
 - New cycle lanes in the City Centre
 - Created new pedestrian and hospitality spaces
 - Soft landscape and pedestrian protection measures
 - Reduced speed limit on ring road
 - Delivered new pedestrian crossing on ring road
 - Provided “wrap” for vacant units promoting future works
- Designed new rise / fall bollards to protect City Centre core retail area
 - Commenced consultation on TRO



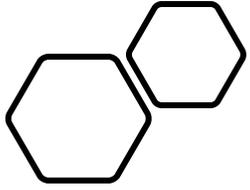
What has been delivered to date (3)



- ERDF – Reopening Retail
 - ERDF Funding of £234,488 allocated to support reopening of high streets
- COVID Advisors / Compliance ✓
- Business Support Grants
- Launched Shop-local Website
- Announced major events in the City
 - May 2021 – Creation Day Festival
 - August 2022 – Commonwealth Games Time Trial Cycling Road Race
 - Plans being finalised for the British Art Show 9 (now in Spring 2022)

Priority 1 - Reimagining our High Streets

- Towns Fund Accelerator - £1m
 - City Centre – pedestrian safety and outdoor food and beverage areas
 - New cycle lanes
 - Dudley Street pedestrian protection measures (drop bollards)
 - Bilston Town Hall / Hoardings / Lighting
 - Wednesfield Town Improvements
- Reopening the High Streets Fund & Welcome Back Fund - £0.469m
 - Allocated £234,488 from MHCLG's Welcome Back Fund. This is in addition to the allocation of £234,488 from the Reopening the High Streets Safely Fund which concluded in March 2021
 - Scope of the fund included – action plans for how we (will) safely reopen local economies, communications, business awareness raising, temporary public realm changes, promote and support the visitor economy and support for LA's plans to address the medium term impact of Covid-19 on the High Streets



Towns Fund Accelerator Projects



Priority 2 - Driving Investment into our Communities

- Future High Street Fund / Towns Fund
 - City Centre Public Realm
 - Box Park
 - Wednesfield Town Interventions / Connectivity
 - Bilston Market
 - Arts Park
 - Housing – Brewers Yard / Horsley Fields (Provides new Council Depot)
- Transport Capital Programme
 - New Cycle Route – Wednesfield to City Centre / Ring Road
 - Arthur Street Bridge – Advanced Metro Works
 - Interchange – Train Station now open, Metro works to be completed, Cycle Hub, Branding

Future High Streets Fund Update

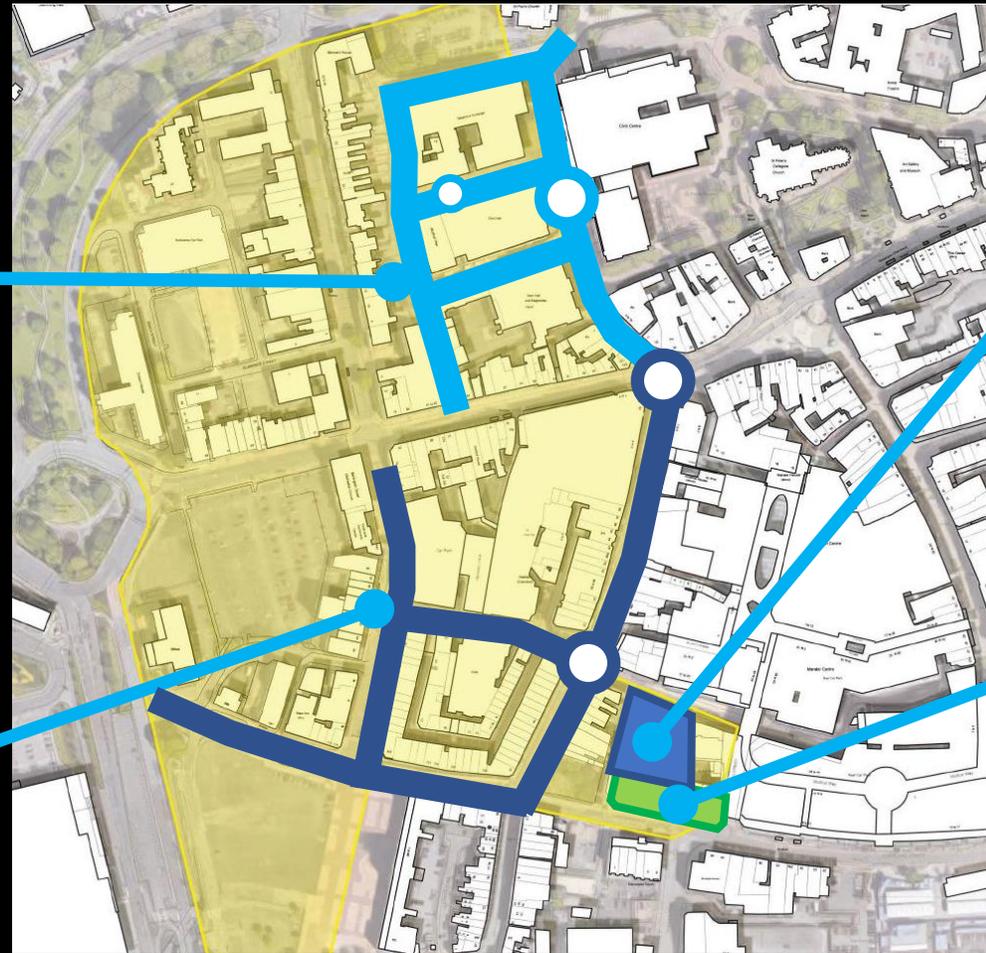
Total Project Investment £21.36m (£15.7 FHSF Funding and £5.6m co-funding)



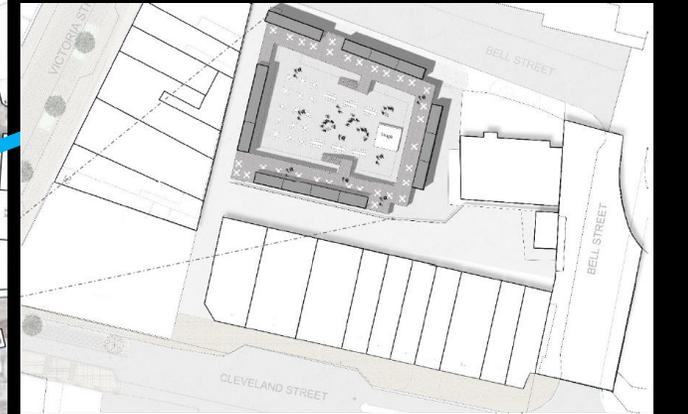
Civic Halls public realm – £4.2m



Revitalised Skinner Street / Victoria Street
Victoria Street public realm - £11.34m



Box Park, Bell Street £3.75m



Cleveland Parade £2.07m

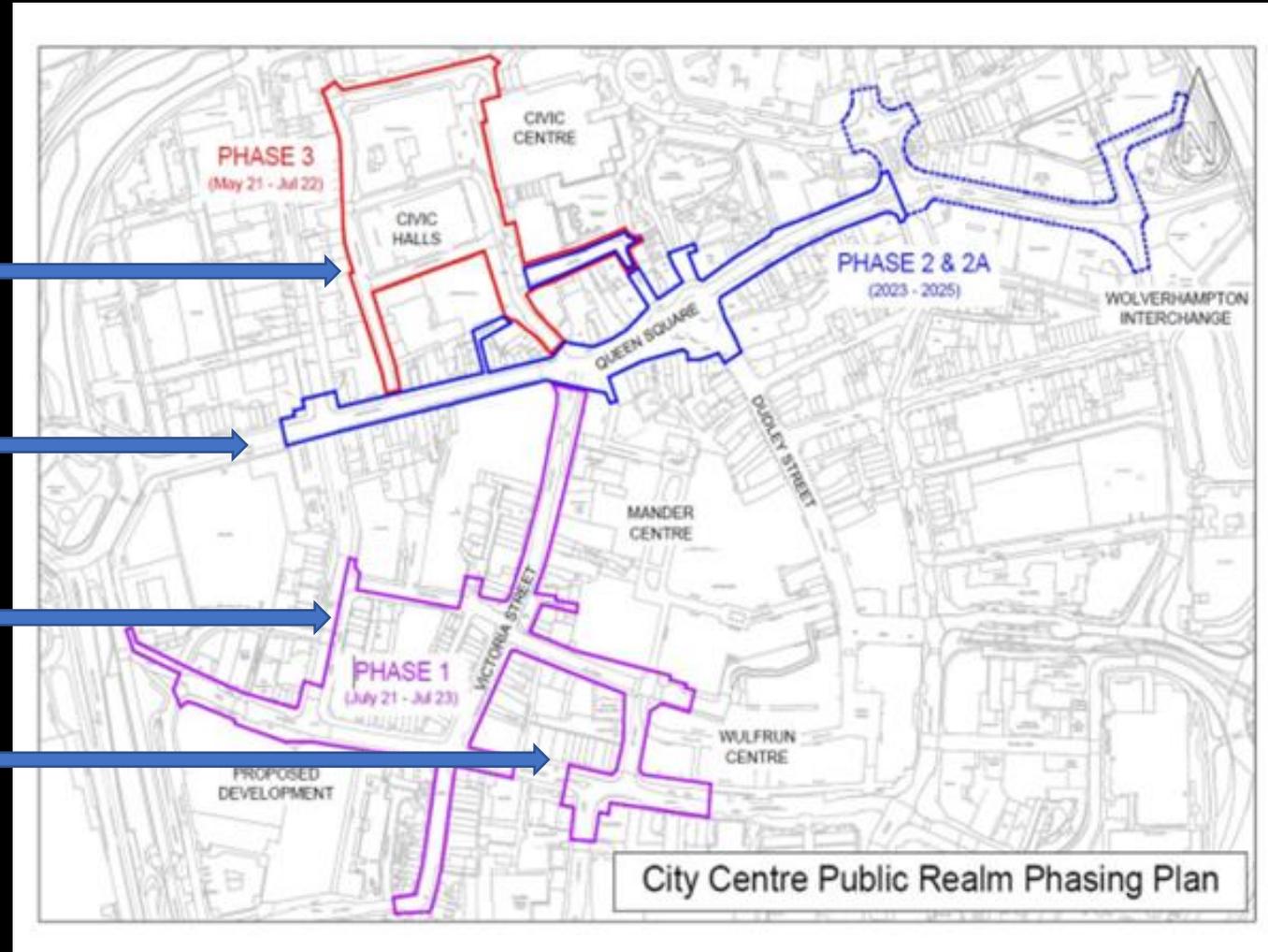
Future High Streets Phasing Plan

- Phase 3 – Civic Halls
July 2021 – Main works begin, completion to align with Civic Halls opening programme

- Phase 2 – Lichfield Street - Towns Fund Allocation
Options appraisal to be undertaken July – December 2021

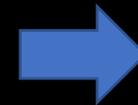
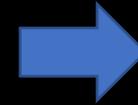
- Phase 1 – Victoria Street
August 2021 – August 2023

- Cleveland St/Box Park
Demolition of Cleveland Parade August 2021 to facilitate development of Box Park April 2024 (Looking to accelerate)



Civic Halls Public Realm

- Main works to commence in August 2021
- Advanced works have already started in North Street, site clearance, investigation and diverting underground services
- Public Realm Team working closely with AEG, Willmott Dixon and Civic Halls Team to align programmes, working areas and access requirements



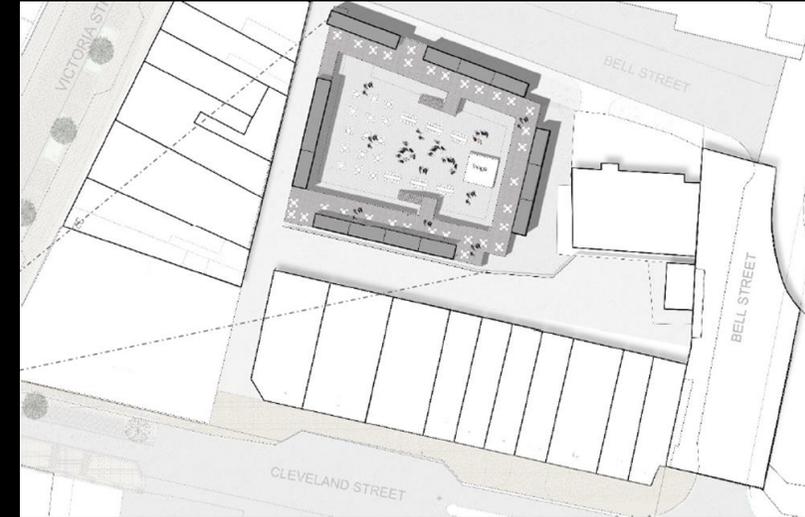
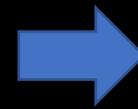
Victoria Street Public Realm

- Main works to commence in August 2021
- Advanced works to start in July to change Skinner Street and to complete Bell Street widening (working with Mander Centre and other stakeholders to minimise disruption in the run up to Christmas)
- Creating the ability to start the main works in Salop Street and Victoria Street to assist with the council's events programme for 2022
- Minimise summer impact on pubs/outdoor seating

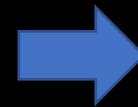


Public Realm Box Park/Cleveland Street

- Demolition of Cleveland Parade
- Provision of car parking



- Box Park creation of outdoor food/beverage/live performance venue
- Project development ongoing
- Options appraisal needed to determine Operator model and detailed operating model for the whole facility



Priority 3 - Delivering our Vision to be an Events City

- Relight Festival – Summer 2021
- Sporting Events
- Autumn / Winter Programme
- Events Programme into 2022
- Bilston Town Hall - BTH

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EVENTS

17 DAYS

MUSIC KIDS | SPORT
COMEDY **FILM**



RELIGHT
— FESTIVAL —

WEST PARK | WOLVERHAMPTON

aug 20-05 sept

New for 2021 – Relight Festival

- Festival scale Big Top located in West Park.
- 20 August – 5 September 2021
- 30 shows over 17 days including music, comedy, kids shows, sport and film
- Can be delivered in a Covid secure way with full risk assessments and mitigation plans.
- Seated arena style shows with an initial capacity of 500. Increase to 2,000 if restrictions and risk assessments allow.



Relight Festival – Wider Offer

- Collaborative marketing to encourage visitors other city attractions.
- More Relight Festival events set to be announced in the coming weeks.

COMEDY

Friday 20 August
Saturday 21 August
Saturday 28 August
Sunday 05 September

Doreen Tipton

JTT: Bill Bailey, Rich Hall, Scott Bennett

JTT: Tom Stade, Gary Delaney, Shappi Khorsandi, Lloyd Griffith

Sara Pascoe, Paul Sinha, Hal Cruttenden, Jo Caulfield



SPECIAL INTEREST

Sunday 22 August
Wednesday 25 August

World of Weddings

Wolves Fan Forum

Steve Bull, Matt Murray, Andy Thompson,
Johnny Phillips & Wolfpack Howlers

Saturday 04 September

Pride

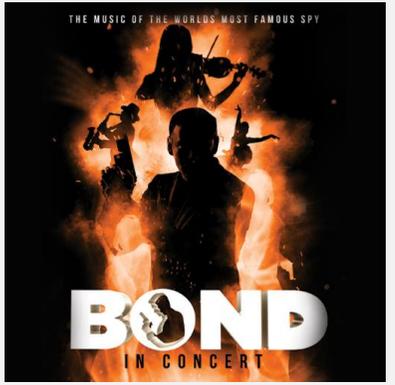
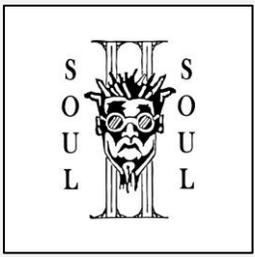
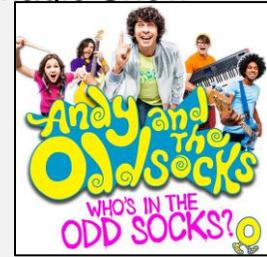
Sunday 05 September

Half Marathon warm up

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

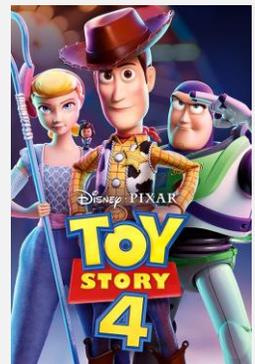
Monday 23 August
 Saturday 28 August
 Tuesday 31 August
 Wednesday 25 August
 Sunday 29 August

Jurassic Earth
Kids Fest: Katy Ashworth, Joanna, Evie, Princess Showtime, Magic Show
Fireman Sam
Andy and The Odd Socks
Shine: Teen Day



MUSIC

Thursday 26 August **Boyzlife**
 Monday 30 August **Bond In Concert**
 Friday 03 September **Soul II Soul & Omar**
 Friday 27 August **House & Garage Orchestra**
 Thursday 02 September **80s Live**



BIG TOP CINEMA

Monday 23 August **Guardians of The Galaxy**
Toy Story 4
Mary Poppins Returns
 Wednesday 01 September **Black Panther**
The Greatest Showman
The Secret Life of Pets 2

Sporting Events – Update

- Wolverhampton Half Marathon – in partnership with StuWeb. Route takes in key landmarks around the city with a start and finish in West Park, echoing plans for the 2022 Commonwealth Games event.
- World Snooker will hold the Player’s Championships in February 2022 at Aldersley Stadium, seeing the World’s Top 16 battle it out live on ITV.
- Grand Slam of Darts - Aldersley Stadium in November 2021.



Autumn / Winter 2021

- Regular programme to be reviewed once impact on mass gatherings post 19 July is understood.
- Concept for Christmas lighting event is under development with partners to include a combination of light projection mapping onto key city centre buildings and light installations.
- Free, un-ticketed walking trail to encourage people to visit the city centre during the festive period and spend more in the local economy.
- Light show supplemented with a festive food and beverage offer, a themed market and traditional fairground rides to increase dwell time.



Looking forward to 2022

A big year for the City, highlights include...

- Start and finish for the Men's and Women's Commonwealth Games Time Trial Road Race
- Queens Baton Relay visiting the city in the build up to the games
- Creation Day Festival – 2 day music festival
- Soap Box Derby
- British Art Show



**WILDLIFE
PHOTOGRAPHER
OF THE YEAR**





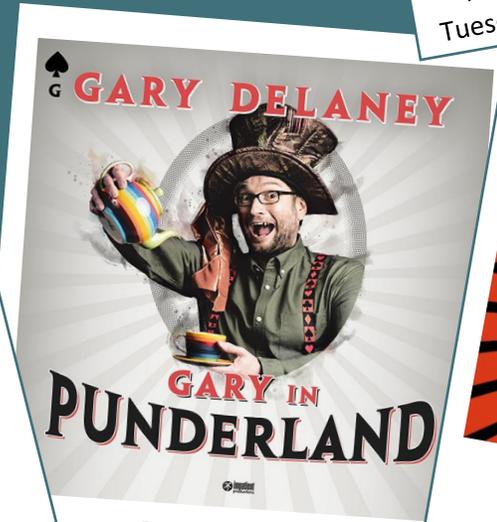
BILSTON
TOWN HALL

Following Towns Fund Accelerator investment, the entertainment programme at BTH continues to grow, bringing big names to the city. Community use will resume once restrictions are clear. New branding and website will help to establish BTH as an entertainment and community venue.

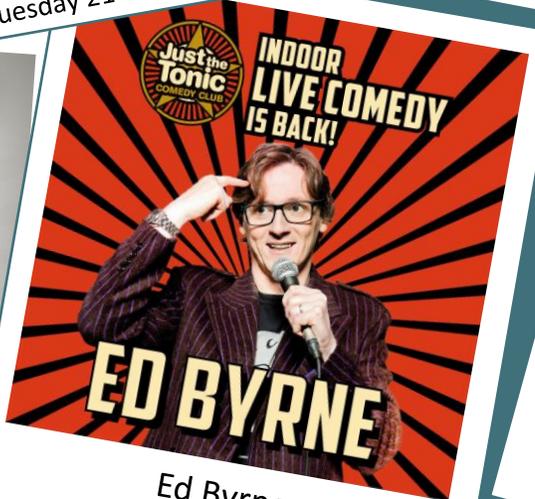
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Jason Manford
Tuesday 17 August



Gary Delaney
Fri 24 September



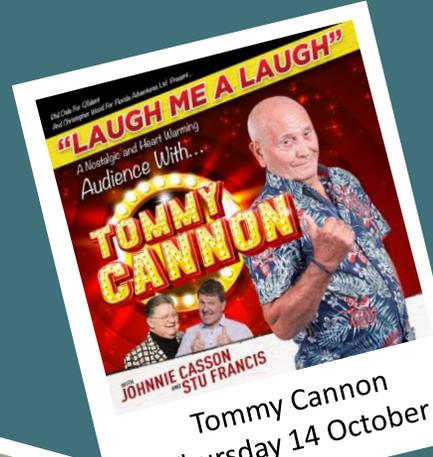
Ed Byrne
Saturday 07 August



Nabil Abdulrashid
Tuesday 21 September



Shaparak Khorsandi
Friday 26 November



Tommy Cannon
Thursday 14 October



Milton Jones
Friday 13 August

Next Steps

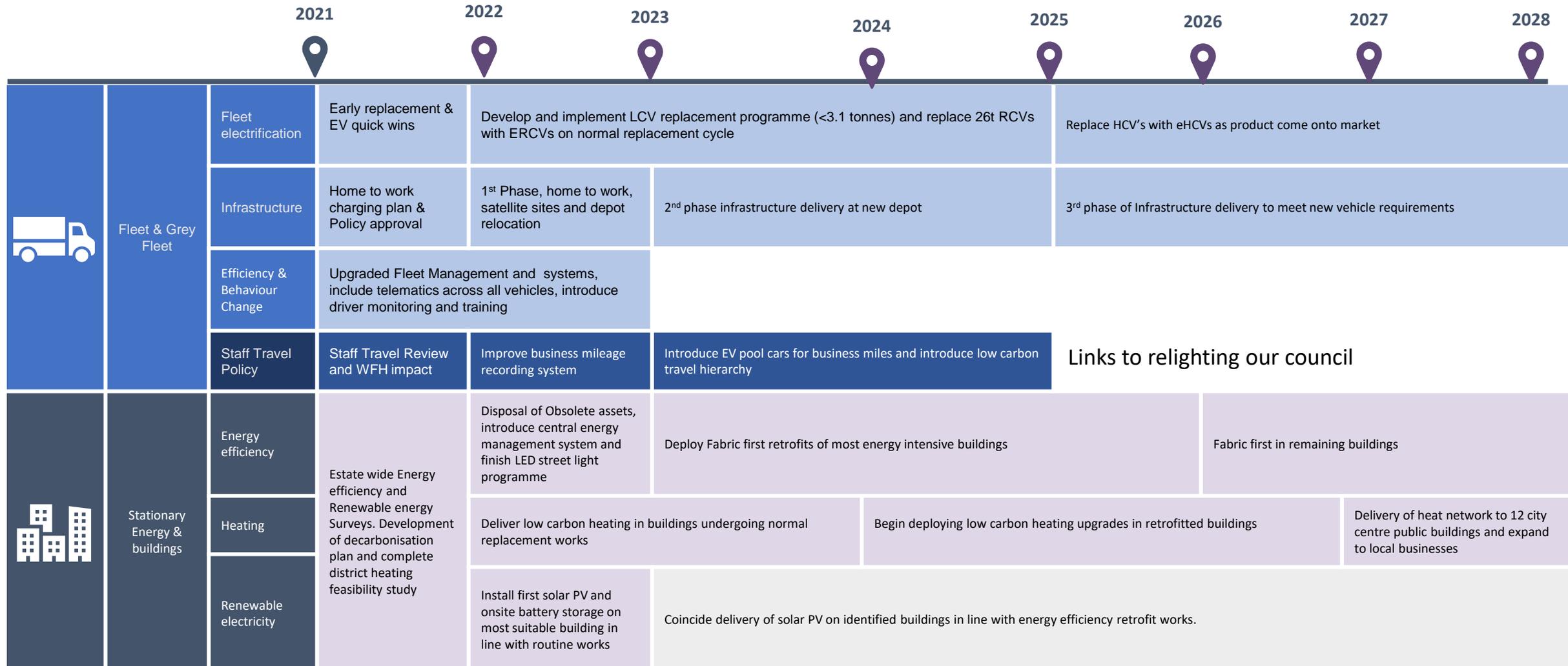
- Refresh City Centre Prospectus / Connected Places
- Refresh Hotel Strategy
- Refresh new housing sites
- Smart City – City Fibre
- Civic Halls Re-opening
- Art Gallery Works
- Cultural Compact / Cultural Development Fund / City of Culture

What about Climate Change?

- Commitment to be Net Carbon Zero (Council) by 2028 and (City) 2041
- Continued to deliver on and further develop the Action Plan
- Report to Cabinet in July – adopted Action Plan and agreed resources
- Action Plan separated between Facilitating and Mitigation Actions
- Actions then delegated to each Cabinet Member and Director

Road Map to 2028

Priority Roadmap tackling the big ticket items and most carbon intensive activities



Road Map to 2041

Objectives taken from Scatter Cities and WMCA 2041 5 year plan

		2021	2026	2031	2036	2041
	Transport	Avoid	25% less personal and retail trips by 2030		35% of people tele-commuting 50% of time	
		Shift	Bike up 10% of trips		mode share of cars vans and motorbikes down from 78% to 38%, public transport up to 27% by 2041	
		Improve	Cars, buses, vans 100% electric by 2035			100% HGVs electric
	Domestic buildings	Energy efficiency	100% new builds passive house, 80% of stock deep retrofit, 100% cooking electric, energy demand 27% of current levels			
		Heating	low carbon heating retrofit in 100% of households by 2041, and all new build properties built to passive hours of net zero standard			
		Renewable Energy	Increase rooftop Solar capacity to 2400 kWh per household by 2030		5200 kWh per household by 2041	
	Commercial Buildings	Energy efficiency	Energy efficiency measures in 100% of buildings, new builds built to highest energy efficiency ratings		100% of commercial cooking electrified, and commercial energy demand down by 25%	
		Heating	Low carbon heating retrofit in 100% of buildings			
		Renewable Energy	Increase rooftop Solar capacity to 2400 kWh per household by 2030		5200 kWh per household by 2041	
	Industrial processes	Energy efficiency	10% energy efficiency, electricity consumption is 50% of total energy consumption by 2031		Electricity consumption is 65% of total by 2041,	
		Heating	17% deployment of hydrogen gas and 40% Carbon Capture and Storage for high temp processes			
		Renewable Energy	Increase rooftop Solar capacity to 2400 kWh/year per household by 2030		5200 kWh per household by 2041	
	Waste and Consumption	Reduction	Total Volume of Waste is 61% of 2017 levels			
		Recycling	65% recycling, 10% landfill, 25% incineration by 2030		Recycling increasing to 85% by 2050	
	Natural Capital & Land use	Tree coverage	Tree planting to increase coverage by 30% by 2026		And by a further 20% over the next 15 years	
		Large scale Renewables	200kWh solar and 2.8 MWh of small scale wind per hectare		Up to 400kWh of solar and 3.3 mWh of small Scale wind by 2041	

Wolverhampton Pound

- The Wolverhampton Pound aims to retain as much local wealth as possible in the city through our procurement and commissioning approaches to stimulate local economic growth.
- Wherever possible – Spending local!
- The work is being led by the Wolverhampton Anchor Network comprised of five of the city's major institutions; City of Wolverhampton Council, University of Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton NHS Trust, City of Wolverhampton College and Wolverhampton Homes.
- These five public sector anchors have a collective spend of £834m and employ 20% of the city's workforce – showing the scale of ambition.
- Together the anchors will also work on shared approaches to strengthen the health and wellbeing economy, support the city's green transition and advance our role as a cultural and creative hub in the West Midlands.

Thank you – Any Questions