

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee
Date: September 2022
Report for: Information
Report of: Engineering Manager, One Trafford Partnership

Report Title

Bikeability Update

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Bikeability Program in Trafford including its current position and the forward programme.

Recommendation(s)

Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 Bikeability is a cycle training programme much like the cycling proficiency. It provides pupils with practical skills and understanding on how to cycle on road.
- 1.2 Nationally there are three Bikeability levels, each designed to improve cycling skills. In Trafford we deliver a combined Level 1 and Level 2 course which takes pupils from basic balance and control, all the way to planning and making an independent journey on busier roads.
- 1.3 The scheme is fully funded by the Department of Transport.

2.0 COVID

- 2.1 During the period of COVID all Bikeability training courses were cancelled and subsequently therefore a large number of children had to miss out on the training which is regrettable but unavoidable.
- 2.2 Transport for Greater Manchester are working with Bike Right to try and capture at senior school those children who missed out at primary school. This scheme is called 'Own the Ride'.
- 2.3 Details of this course have been shared with all Senior Schools within Trafford.

3.0 Future program

- 3.1 The Bikeability program operates on an academic year. The funding is run on a financial year. With the increase in pupil numbers within our schools the One Trafford Partnership has decided to contract out some of the training.
- 3.2 Currently we have two contractors on board with a third potentially coming on board in the future as well as our own staff.
- 3.3 All the schools have been contacted and bookings have commenced for the period September 2022 to March 2023.
- 3.4 The grant funding covers a total of 2,362 training places up to the end of March 2023.
- 3.5 As some schools have missed out on the training a summer course was arranged and was kindly hosted by Wellington High School. There were 191 children booked on the course and 181 attended.
- 3.6 There are currently 1,242 children booked to attend training courses before the end of January 2023.
- 3.7 We will accept further bookings once we have confirmation of the Grant funding for the year April 2023 to March 2024.
- 3.8 We envisage moving forward that all year 6 pupils will receive training if requested via the schools.
- 3.9 In cases where courses have to be cancelled due to weather, sickness, school closures etc. we would always re-arrange an alternative date for the schools where possible.