

Council - 16 September 2019

Progress Report of Councillor Andrew, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.

The activities covered in this portfolio provide the bed rock of services that are key to achieving economic growth for the people, communities and businesses of Walsall to achieve the priorities identified in Corporate Plan, in The Walsall Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) sets our economic development priorities to 'Create Local Jobs' and 'Support Local People into Work' and is aligned with the key themes of our new Corporate Plan. I have summarised the activities of this portfolio based on these themes, which are:

- **People**
- **Business**
- **Place**

Key Highlights, (further **Additional Details** are set out later in this paper) include;

Supporting Walsall People

The **Impact Programme** has attracted almost £8million of EU and government funding for Walsall, and so far as supported over **3200** NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people across the borough to get closer to a positive outcome with over **900** of them obtaining employment, training or an Apprenticeship.

Walsall Works has so far supported over **1000** individuals into apprenticeships, training over **3500** in employability skills, and supported over **1400** individuals into work.

On behalf of the Black Country, Walsall Council competed for and secured EU funding of almost £1 million to deliver the **Black Country Community Grants Programme**. Through this first round 23 grants were offered to Walsall CVS groups, providing them with £228,479 of support that directly benefited 414 local residents who undertook activities that moved them closer to achieving their economic goals.

The second round, which Walsall Council also won has secured a second **Black Country Community Grants Programme totalling** £909k, with the capacity to support up to 709 residents across the Black Country, which aims to support 14% into work and 17% progressing towards their economic goals. Officers will continue to work on maximising the benefits for Walsall communities.

Supporting residents with their; Money, Home, and their Job

Earlier in the year Money, Home, Job (MHJ) became one of the first Council services to move all ICT systems to the Cloud, and quickly afterwards launched a series of online services for Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits customers. Allowing customers to access services on-line 24 hours a day, with examples including: 70% of new housing benefit applications, 98% of Council Tax payments,

resulting in a 20% reduction in visits to the first stop shop (when compared to the same month last year).

As part of the Walsall Proud Transformation Programme, MHJ employees also became the first to participate in a 14 week Perform+ coaching and training programme, which aimed to change the way that teams work, increasing management capability and creating capacity across the workforce.

Working in partnership with colleagues in Public Health, MHJ commissioned the Black Country YMCA to deliver a Winter Night Shelter in Walsall for the third year running. The service aims to help reduce the likelihood of winter deaths amongst the homeless population and successfully helped 152 rough sleepers this year between October 2018 and March 2019.

The West Midland's Combined Authority (WMCA) was awarded £9.6m by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to assist up to 617 people via a Housing First pilot that would take place over a three year period. Walsall Council secured £1.3m of this to help 88 individuals, to be housed and supported over three years.

In January 2019, Walsall became the first Local Authority in the WMCA area to use their money to commission a Housing First support provider. Accord had already been instrumental in helping us to run our own Housing First pilot in Walsall, which helped prove the concept, so are confident they have all the knowledge and expertise needed to help make this a huge success. I am also very happy to announce that WHG have recently committed to assisting us by providing a further 40 properties for the Housing First programme (adding to the 6 properties they have already provided, initially, as part of our own pilot).

In addition, MHJ has also secured over £550,000 in external grant funding from MHCLG, to help enhance the housing pathway for vulnerable people who sleep rough or at risk of doing so; this will be used to fund outreach, crash pads and a rapid re-housing pathway.

MHJ continues to help more residents to remain living safely in their homes for longer through an integrated approach to tackling fuel poverty and delivering home adaptations. This has included securing significant sums of inward investment from energy companies, and charities to help residents with improved heating and insulation.

Supporting Walsall Businesses

Walsall Council's Employment Growth teams supported 33 local businesses to secure £436,000 through the EU funded GOLD programme helping to create 82 new jobs. With the Growing Priority Sectors fund delivering a further £340,000 of investment, supporting the growth and sustainability of local employers throughout Walsall.

Walsall council is continuing to play an active role in the delivery of the Black Country Growth Hub, which includes the EU funded Aim for GOLD programme, a new programme with the capacity to support 41 Walsall businesses to secure up to £401k of new EU funding that aims to create 40 jobs by 2022.

Developing the Walsall Place

Over the last 12 months, one of the main areas of focus for the **Development Team** has been the preparation of a **Masterplan for Walsall Town Centre**. The Masterplan builds on the regeneration successes of the last 10 years and provides a framework for the Council, our partners and future investors to guide the development of Walsall Town Centre over the next 20 years. The masterplan proposes enhancing the railway station giving greater prominence to this key asset, the 3 transport hubs, St Pauls, Bradford Place and Walsall Rail Station will be better connected with one another. The St Matthew's Quarter will be enhanced by introducing new destination uses and providing an improved market offer in this location

In early 2019 the **£9million Wisemore Central** scheme was completed, including a new 60-bed Travelodge, the Explore Learning tuition centre and retail/commercial space, together with the **Teddesley Street** residential scheme providing 33 new homes.

A pipeline of opportunities for **housing, employment and commercial** are under development, this active **pipeline of key projects** aims to support the delivery of over 2,000 new homes, 253,000 sq. of employment space and 66,000 of mixed-use floor space, helping to create up to 6,900 new or sustained jobs within Walsall.

The **Walsall to Wolverhampton Corridor** aims to deliver over 8,000 new homes by 2031 with the first allocation of funds totalling £41m been awarded to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). Potential investment sites include:

- Station Street area of the Town Centre, extending to Walsall Waterfront
- Former Caparo Site at Birchills
- Willenhall Garden City; sites in and around the District Centre
- Walsall Gateway; sites including the former Harvestime Bakery
- Birch Street, including the former Metal Casements factory

Developing our Transport Networks

Advance works in preparation for the £78m complete redevelopment of the M6 junction 10 are underway, with the projects partners (Walsall Council and Highways England) keen to start the main works in early 2020, with an anticipated completion date during the summer of 2022.

In May 2019, West Midlands Trains launched direct services between Walsall and London and increased frequency services on Sundays. We continue to work closely with the rail operator towards the reopening of the Walsall to Wolverhampton line, including new stations in Willenhall and Darlaston and continue to make the case for a new rail station in Aldridge.

In June 2019, in collaboration with Tarmac and their service delivery partner Kaarobontech, Walsall Council competed for and secured the Chartered Institute of Highways & Transportation (CIHT) innovation award.

Since August 2018, Walsall Council has sent delivered 47 highway maintenance schemes, resurfacing 16km of carriageway and 8.6km of footway costing £6.6million, together with 26km of preventative treatments to carriageways and footways at a cost of £650k.

A package of Town and District Centres works valued at over £4 million has replaced worn road surfaces and footpaths as part of a project to brighten up key sites cross the borough. This scheme forms part of the Council's plans to also invest resources to improve the commercial environments within; Darlaston, Willenhall, Aldridge, Bloxwich and Brownhills.

Programme Management

Walsall Council has for the last 5 years acted successfully on behalf of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (BC LEP) as their Accountable Body for the £210million Local Growth Deal Programme. Following instruction from Government that LEP's must have only one Accountable Body for all of their business, Walsall Council has now been appointed as the BC LEP's Single Accountable Body to be effective from February 2020.

This will include the administration of the Local Growth Fund (LGF), the Land & Property Investment Fund (LPIF) and the Enterprise Zones, totalling many £100's Millions over the next 20 years that will support Black Country Regeneration schemes including for Walsall, Phoenix 10 and Junction 10 of the M6, with a combined value of over £100million.

Attracting Additional Financial Resources

The **External Funding Team**, acts as a central point of contact for directorates looking for external funding that may be available. Working together with colleagues across the council this has resulted in many successful applications, leveraging in significant amounts of external funding totalling over £7million as set out later in this report. This includes; being aware of funding opportunities, bid writing and project development, recording bidding successes and failures and maintaining positive relationships with funders.

Additional Information for each of the above items:

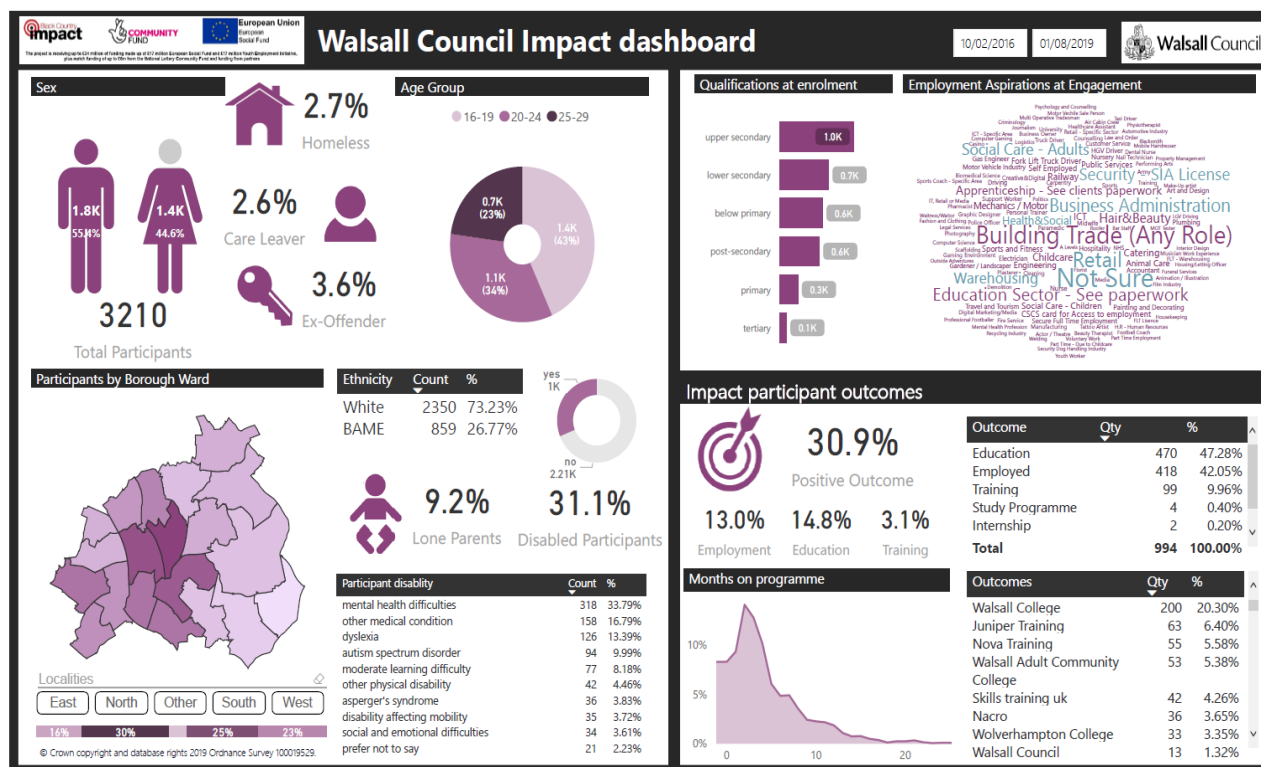
People

The **Black Country Community Grants, which successfully** distributing £1M of new funding to small Black Country Voluntary and Community Sector groups to provide support to local people to move them closer to employment. The programme has supported 99 Black Country projects and 2163 residents. **Locally, 23 grants totalling £228,479 have been distributed to Walsall VCS Groups directly benefiting 414 local residents.**

The second round, which Walsall Council also won has secured an additional £909k with the capacity to support up to 709 residents across the Black Country, which aims to support 14% into work and 17% progressing towards their economic goals.

The Black Country Impact Programme continues to utilise the £34million of EU and Government funding to support young people into positive outcomes. Walsall Council, one of the programmes key partners has up to £8million available to support all directorates across the council. Through collaborative working together they are maximising the chances of success for Walsall people aged 15-19 who are currently not in education, employment or training (NEET).

The following dash board sets out some of the success achieved so far.



Walsall Works, continues to offer employment and skills support across the borough and are achieving great successes in supporting residents into employment and training. Since the inception of the programme, we have supported over **1000** individuals into apprenticeships, training over **3500** for employability skills, and supported over **1400** individuals into work. The project has a full calendar of events, including sector focussed activity, matching employers and people into employment in key sectors, including; Health and Social Care and Manufacturing. Our twice yearly highly regarded Walsall Expo's, held at Walsall College attract 1000's of local people who have the opportunity to meet and engage with local employers, training and educational establishments providing opportunities to enter learning and secure employment.

Business.

The Employment Growth team is dedicated to providing a service that can support local business to grow and thrive. Premise searches and relocation support for local

and new investors in the area, serviced through a proactive and comprehensive database of available property. Enquiries have seen an increase in interest across the board, but in particular in smaller units (<5k sqft).

The team also host a range of events, including Coffee and Commerce events for SME's, in partnership with Walsall College, a sector focussed Transport and Logistics event and a strong presence at the Black Country Business Festival in May 2019. A new programme combining elements of Start-up and self-employment support is due to be launched in September, working with colleagues in Employment and Skills.

The ERDF funded Aim for Gold programme looks to offer existing SME's in Walsall with funding and support to encourage growth. Organisations can receive training and guidance to develop business plans that can be supported by grants of up to £10,000 per applicant but can be up to £50,000 in exceptional circumstances. £500k of grant funding is available in total.

Supporting residents with their; Money, Home, and their Job

Earlier in the year Money, Home, Job (MHJ) became one of the first Council services to move all our ICT systems to the Cloud, and quickly afterwards, we launched a series of online services for Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits customers. Our customers no longer need to take time out of their busy lives to visit the first stop shop, or wait in a queue on the telephone, they can now access all the help they need from the comfort of their own home 24 hours a day.

Residents can apply for benefits and council tax discounts, register a change in circumstances, review Council Tax bills or benefit entitlement letters by simply registering for an on-line account via our website. Landlords are also able to register for our portal which gives them instant access to rent statements and other useful information.

A targeted campaign to promote our new digital offer commenced in March 2019, and large numbers of customers have already started to use them, with the Council now receiving over 70% of new Housing Benefit applications on-line. In this financial year to date, over 98% of Council Tax payments received have come in via automated payment options (such as on-line, direct debits, calls to our automated telephone line or transactions via Paypoint). As a result of our new digital offer, in July 2019, MHJ saw a 20% reduction in the number of customers physically visiting the first stop shop (when compared to the same month last year).

As part of the Walsall Proud Transformation Programme, MHJ employees also became the first to participate in a 14 week Perform+ coaching and training programme, which aimed to change the way that teams work, increasing management capability and creating capacity across the workforce. Initially coaches focused on helping the teams to define their 'vision', learn how to use a digital visual management board and how to do effective daily huddles, to review performance and communicate better as a team.

Later they moved on to forecasting and planning, problem solving, changing the operational rhythm of teams, coaching and celebrating success. Results from our employee survey show that our investment in coaching has been very well received by staff and we are beginning to see some improvements to some Key performance Indicators. MHJ services are a fantastic example of what can be achieved by investing in development of staff, and digital technology, to help free up capacity and reduce costs.

As a result of all their achievements this year, I am delighted to confirm that the Welfare Benefits team has been recently been short-listed as finalists for a prestigious award through The Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation (IRRV). We will find out if we have won in October 2019.

Working in partnership with colleagues in Public Health, MHJ commissioned the Black Country YMCA to deliver a Winter Night Shelter in Walsall for the third year running. The service aims to help reduce the likelihood of winter deaths amongst the homeless population and successfully helped 152 rough sleepers this year between October 2018 and March 2019. A large number of Walsall residents gave up their time, and money, to help support the shelter and I would like to take the opportunity to thank them.

I am also pleased to confirm, that following a tendering process, the Council has recently commissioned the Black Country YMCA to open the Winter Night Shelter for a 4th Year. We are hopeful that the community will come to our assistance again in the same way they have in previous years as we certainly could not do it without them.

We very much hope that in the future there will be no need to have a Winter Night Shelter and that's why the team are always looking for new and innovative ways to support people to get off the streets. Last year, I told you that the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) had been awarded £9.6m by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to assist up to 617 people via a Housing First pilot that would take place over a three year period. From this, Walsall Council has been awarded £1.3m, with a target to help 88 individuals, to be housed and supported over three years.

The Housing First programme is an internationally recognised and evidence based approach for stabilising homeless people through wrap-around services; it includes rehabilitation through a proven system that delivers positive outcomes for them. In January 2019, Walsall was the first Local Authority in the WMCA to use their money to commission a Housing First support provider (with the contract being awarded to Accord). Accord had already been instrumental in helping us to run our own Housing First pilot in Walsall, which helped prove the concept, so are confident they have all the knowledge and expertise needed to help make this a huge success.

I am also very happy to announce that WHG have recently committed to assisting us by providing a further 40 properties for the Housing First programme (adding to the 6 properties they have already provided, initially, as part of our own pilot). Accord and WHG always play a significant role in helping to support homeless households, but I am especially grateful for their commitment, and leadership, on the Housing First programme as this will undoubtedly help to save lives.

In addition to the above, MHJ has also secured over £550,000 in external grant funding from MHCLG, to help enhance the housing pathway for vulnerable people who sleep rough or at risk of doing so; this will be used to fund outreach, crash pads and a rapid re-housing pathway. Two further key grants have been secured from government to help improve housing conditions in private rented dwellings in the borough.

The first, a Rogue Landlord Grant, has helped fund a new stock condition survey of the borough conducted by the Building Research Establishment. This will provide in depth information to help identify areas and properties for possible action. The second grant (Controlling Migration Fund) will help us inform new tenants to key parts of the borough of both their rights and responsibilities and directly target rogue and poor landlords.

This follows on from the Council agreeing the criteria for use with Civil Penalty Notices in Housing Enforcement. Since the agreement in late 2018 a total of 7 civil penalties have been issued with a potential fine level of up to £60,000.

The service continues to help more residents to remain living safely in their homes for longer through an integrated approach to tackling fuel poverty and delivering home adaptations. This has included securing significant sums of inward investment from energy companies, and charities to help residents with improved heating and insulation.

Place

Over the last 12 months, one of the main areas of focus for the **Development Team** has been the preparation of a **Masterplan for Walsall Town Centre**. The Masterplan builds on the regeneration successes of the last 10 years and provides a framework for the Council, our partners and future investors to guide the development of Walsall Town Centre over the next 20 years. The masterplan proposes enhancing the railway station giving greater prominence to this key asset, the 3 transport hubs, St Pauls, Bradford Place and Walsall Rail Station will be better connected with one another. The St Matthew's Quarter will be enhanced by introducing new destination uses and providing an improved market offer in this location.

Walsall Town Centre is the strategic centre for the borough; providing a sub-regional focus for the local economy and community. As part of the Birmingham and Black Country conurbation Walsall has a retail catchment of over 3 million people. The town centre's centrally located railway station and bus interchange generates 15 million passenger trips per year providing Walsall with an infrastructure network that can facilitate significant growth.

Over the last 10 years Walsall Town Centre has seen significant development with over £425 million invested to deliver 85,000sqm of floorspace across a variety of uses (including retail, leisure, office, health and education). This has helped secure more than 2,500 new jobs, as well as providing 300+ new homes. Despite this, like many town centres and high streets across the country, Walsall Town Centre is facing some well-publicised common challenges as a result of unprecedented changes in the retail industry as well as changing consumer behaviours and expectations.

The aim of the Masterplan is to provide a visionary yet deliverable plan that will re-imagine Walsall Town Centre. The Masterplan builds on the regeneration successes of the last 10 years and provides a framework for the Council, our partners and future investors to guide the development of Walsall Town Centre over the next 20 years. Spread over this timeframe, the Masterplan indicates that a capital investment of circa **£116.7million** is needed to enable transformative change within the town centre.

A series of 10 catalytic interventions will bring about transformational change in Walsall Town Centre to be delivered over a period of up to 20 years. Interventions include providing a greener, higher quality public realm throughout the town centre, better connecting the centre's key assets and providing multi-functional space to dwell and for increased activity and events.

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In July 2019, the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) announced that Walsall has successfully reached the second round of the Government's **Future High Streets Fund (FHSF)**. The Council are working up a full business case to apply for up to £25million of funding. Success at the next stage will be a major boost to the delivery of early masterplan interventions in Walsall. The Authority is working closely with the WMCA Town Centre Programme with St Matthews Quarter identified as a pilot sight to receive part of a £20 million funding pot.

Following a public survey in February 2019, '**First 6 Month Action Plan**' was produced that seeks to tackle the day to day issues, and stimulate positive interactions within the town centre. Priorities include

- tackling anti-social behaviour,
- a 6 month trial reduction in parking charges,
- the provision of electric vehicle charging points,
- additional resource to tackle cleanliness in the centre,
- Town centre greening, promotion, town centre events, and activities.

The **Walsall to Wolverhampton Corridor** aims to deliver over 8,000 new homes by 2031 with the first allocation of funds totalling £41m been awarded to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). Potential investment sites include:

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The Planning Policy Team have been working for the last 5 years on the Walsall **Site Allocation Document (SAD)** and Walsall Town Centre **Area Action Plan (AAP)** that were adopted by Council on 7th January 2019 following an Examination in Public of each plan in August and November respectively. These plans cover a period up to

2026 and allocate sites for homes, jobs, shops and other uses and protect land for current and future needs of Walsall.

The team are actively engaged in the review of the Black Country Plan, which looks to identify development needs across the sub-region up to 2038. A recent Black Country Call for Sites process closed in June to identify how land could be used in the future.

In February 2019, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which sets out the government's planning policies, was updated. This, alongside the Walsall Site Allocation Document (SAD) and Area Action Plan (AAP), gives new national and local planning policies and guidance, bringing a fresh outlook on how development is approached in the Borough.

The Development Management service dealt with 907 planning applications in the year and secured strong levels of delivery in terms of the time taken to determine these cases. Over 90% performance was achieved in the three assessment categories (major applications, minors and the collective 'others' category which includes householder schemes) and this exceeded the average performance levels achieved by all Metropolitan authorities.

In terms of the amount of work dealt with, Walsall's planning service dealt with more applications than any of our Black Country neighbours, determining more than 36% more cases than the lowest authority whilst also delivering better performance in all areas. The service will continue to support new proposals for sustainable development, which help to enhance the environment, secure social improvements and deliver increased economic growth to Walsall.

Transport

In May 2019, West Midlands Trains launched direct services between Walsall and London and increased frequency services on Sundays. We continue to work closely with the rail operator towards the reopening of the Walsall to Wolverhampton line, including new stations in Willenhall and Darlaston and are continuing to make the case for investment in a new rail station in Aldridge.

Since September 2018, the Council has adopted 640m of highway with improvements and new assets to the value of £997,000. Numbers have been allocated to 605 properties and 6 properties and 9 new roads have been named.

The Highway Asset Management Strategy, published in April 2019, replaces the Highway Maintenance Strategy for the period 2015 – 2018. Asset Management is a key driver for the delivery of efficient, long term and sustainable highway services. It supports a smarter and more flexible working approach that acknowledges the increasing austerity measures imposed on local government resources.

Since August 2018 the Council has spent over £6.6 million implementing 47 highway maintenance resurfacing schemes covering a total length of 16km of carriageway and 8.6km of footway. In addition we have carried out 28 preventative treatments to carriageways over a total length of 7km at a cost of some £450k, and 45 preventative treatments to footways over a total length of 19km at a cost of £250k. Over 3,700 potholes have been repaired using Velocity Patching and most recently, an innovative

Chiplock preventative maintenance scheme has been delivered along the Black Country Route.

A package of works within the Town and District Centres, worth over £4 million, has continued over the past year. Darlaston and Willenhall are now complete and works have recently commenced in Aldridge Town Centre. Remaining works for the Bloxwich Town Centre and Brownhills are being programmed for completion by the end of the financial year.

Trials of LED lighting have been ongoing in four areas across the borough. LED improves lighting with colour rendition and reductions in energy costs. Officers are currently working with our partners to develop a major scheme for the full upgrade of all lighting to LED, some 26,000 lighting columns, across the borough.

Over the past year, ongoing investment in our traffic signal network has allowed the installation of five new variable message signs, new CCTV at the Keyway and various upgrades to our communications systems.

The Council published its Road Safety Strategy in early 2019. The Strategy supports the Regional Road Safety Strategy and targets a 40% reduction in the number of killed and serious injuries in the Borough by 2025.

The new Highway Infrastructure Services Contract (HISC), awarded to Tarmac, commenced in April 2019 for an initial period of 6 years. The new contractual arrangements create an opportunity to build on previous successes, promote innovation and deliver quality improvements the boroughs roads.

In May 2019 the Council launched a new Permit Scheme for Roadworks. It is allowing us to improve the management and coordination of essential road works, ensuring that they are carried out at the least disruptive time and providing advanced warning and information to road users and local communities.

The Active Sustainable Travel and Road Safety (A*STARS) programme has continued to grow and expand in the last year with approximately 80% of all primary schools now involved.

This year we held our 10th Annual A*STARS Quiz in June, which saw over 25 schools attend with awards presented by the Mayor Cllr Paul Bott. The day was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

As part of the secondary school and college offering, we held our annual road safety event 'Drive2Arrive'. This is a multi-agency event focused on offering guidance and advice to new prospective drivers.

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Some of the successful work completed and funding attracted so far includes;

| Corporate Plan Priority | Funding source | Description | Proposed funding |
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| Economic Growth Communities | European Regional Development Fund | Walsall SMART Energy project – upgrade to LED street lighting, 4/5G lampposts, electric vehicle charging points. | £7M Project £3.16M ERDF (successful at gateway stage) |
| Economic Growth Communities | Future High Streets Fund | Application to £675 million Future High Streets Fund to help local areas to respond and adapt to high street changes, including investment in physical infrastructure - Walsall Railway Station Concourse Development / improving pedestrian links from railway to St Paul's bus station / Enhancement of the Bus Station. | Walsall Shortlisted |
| Children | Early Outcomes Fund | Funding is to enable a Black Country transformational programme to improve early language outcomes rather than discrete interventions. | £625,000 (successful) |
| Communities | Nesta | A corporate social responsibility approach to securing the sustainability of our green spaces. | £199,836 (successful) |
| Economic Growth | Local Growth Fund | J and E Sedgwick Leather Organisation | £1.5M project (500k LGF) (successful) |
| Communities Economic Growth | European Social Fund | Extension of the Black Country Technical Assistance Project to maximise the take up and impact of the £152M European Structural and Investment Funds Programme. | Original - £304,000 & Extension £235,170 (successful) |

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| Economic Growth | European Regional Development Fund | Extension of the Black Country ERDF Technical Assistance Project as above. | £252,064 (successful) |
| People Communities Economic Growth | Education & Skills Funding Agency | Walsall Accountable body status – Community Grants Programme | £1M (successful) Plus City Deal under spend of £80k approved as match. |

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