

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 10 OCTOBER 2019**

**Question to Philip Atkins OBE  
Leader of the Council**

**By Kyle Robinson**

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**Question**

“Can the Leader of the Council please provide an update about what Staffordshire County Council is doing to improve and promote integrated transport in Staffordshire?”

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**Reply**

As the Member may be aware improving and promoting integrated transport in Staffordshire starts with strategic planning and for many years the authority has developed and promoted eight integrated transport strategies to align with our eight local planning authority partners.

The strategies cover all modes of transport and are reviewed regularly to consider major planning consultations and any changes in transport issues and priorities.

The authority is actively involved in Midlands Connect which seeks to influence forward investment programmes of Highways England and Network Rail making sure that Staffordshire’s voice is heard and the right infrastructure is built for our economy.

We are also engaged in West Midlands Rail which aims to improve local rail services in the area building on the success of over 54% rail passenger growth in Staffordshire in the last 10 years.

Walking and Cycling is encouraged at an early age in Staffordshire via the promotion of walking buses and cycling training via our Bikeability programme. We are now in the final stages of developing our Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which has been undertaken using monies gained from a successful DfT bid.

Good relations with our public bus operators are maintained and improvements to on-street real time public transport information and other bus priority infrastructure have been implemented to encourage modal shift and support the commercial bus network.