

Towards a Community Transport Strategy for Northumberland



Purpose and Scope

- The purpose of the strategy
 - Joint commitment of stakeholders
 - Widening understanding
 - A management document
 - Focus action and expenditure
 - resources and activities
 - Accountability for delivery
- Scope
 - Community transport services
 - The role of the CT sector in providing other transport



Sustainable CT

- Sustainable Community Strategy
 - Cross sectoral priorities/ LAA funding
 - CT as part of core delivery
- Needs assessment process
 - Access to services
- Valuing small inputs
 - Networks and partnerships
- Efficiency and procurement



Developing the Strategy Together

- Some things are already happening
 - Congratulation and sharing of experiences
- Some things will take time to resolve
 - Don't get bogged down
- Promising new ideas
 - How can we make these happen?
 - A practical programme for delivery



Sharing Experiences and Lessons learned

- E.g.
 - Wheels to work
 - Training
 - School travel plans
 - School transport contracts
 - Car scheme
 - Taxicard
- Sustaining, expanding and developing these



Things that Need more Time

- Health and social care eligibility and funding
 - Matching need/eligibility/affordability
- Needs assessments
 - Access to services sub-group
 - Top down and bottom up
- Single booking interface – RAMP?
- Future funding programmes



Potential New Actions

- Travel plans/personalised travel
 - Transport in development control
 - Information about CT (through GPs, colleges, leisure centres, etc), travel training,
- Shared travel replacing private trips
 - Pooled transport for firms, tourist services
 - Best green transport initiative - challenge?
- Plugging the leaks – rural services
- Marketing the sector
 - Competition and partnership
 - Operators group



Discussion Groups

- Themed groups
 - Regeneration, employment and social inclusion
 - Health and social care
 - Education, child care and youthwork
 - Community, environment and safety
 - Transport
- Outcome
 - Finalisation and commitment



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