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# LTP2 Progress Report 2008 & Delivery of the Accessibility Strategy



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# LTP2 Progress Report 2008



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- Mid-term review of LTP delivery
- Reflective, self critical
  - Progress made delivering LTP2 April 06 - March 08
  - Look forward to delivery in final 3 years of LTP2
- Strong focus on Shared Priorities
- Provoke debate on:
  - Risks to effective delivery & possible mitigating actions
  - Appropriateness of future years programmes and strategies to achieving Plan objectives;
  - Effectiveness of working arrangements & partnerships



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# DfT guidance for accessibility reporting

- Any new indicators or targets?
  - with justification for inclusion
- Evidence of action plans implemented on schedule & their impact
- Evidence of embedding accessibility planning within wider policy delivery
- Also - discussion of changes in PT patronage



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# WY LTP2 Accessibility Strategy



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What we  
said we  
would do

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Strategy  
Elements

plus  
1<sup>st</sup> year  
action plan  
focus on  
stakeholder  
engagement

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|----|--|
| A1 | Improve physical accessibility by making public transport more accessible, and by improving the continuity and signage of cycle and walk routes; |
| A2 | Maintain and improve road, pavement and Rights Of Way (ROWs) conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, vehicle and freight users;                    |
| A3 | Minimise road weight and width restrictions;   |
| A4 | Maintain and develop public transport networks through our bus and rail strategies (see also our strategy for Tackling Congestion);              |
| A5 | Maintain and enhance concessionary fare schemes and address cost barriers for job-seekers;   |
| A6 | Raise awareness of public transport and improve and target information and marketing;  |
| A7 | Embed accessibility in other strategies such as LDFs, health, education, social services and leisure strategies.                                 |



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# Delivery highlights



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- 21% (3000+) bus stops with raised kerbs
- European Greenway 1st prize for Kirklees (2007)
- 3 FreeCityBus routes carrying 2.4m passengers (2007/08)
  - Leeds, Huddersfield & Wakefield
- 7 MetroLocal bus routes in Kirklees (Metro & LAC funding)
- £14m p.a. on socially necessary tendered bus services
- Tendered service budget trials of:
  - Service linking hospital & PCT facilities with N. Bradford communities
  - 25 Boxing Day (2007) bus services in Kirklees & Leeds
- 90 individual rural transport projects across WY
- 480 free monthly MetroCards provided to job seekers
- Yournextbus service responding to 3million text queries
- 500 Real Time display units in shelters
- Bus Performance Improvement Partnerships (PIPs)
- Accessibility Partnerships



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# Progress against accessibility target



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- **Target:** 89.5% of households without access to a car should be within 30 minutes of a hospital by public transport by 2011
- **Baseline:** 89.5%
- **June 2008:** 75.4 %
  
- Target not being met mostly consequence of bus operators (informed by real time info) lengthening running times to reflect impacts of traffic congestion.
  
- Questions?:
  - Usefulness of accession measurement
  - Meaningfulness of LTP target - in light of NHS reconfiguration / difficulties defining what a hospital is / move to more local services
  - Has target relating only to hospitals limited opportunities to engage with partners on other accessibility issues
  - Need for more tangible (output focused) targets?



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# SWOT analysis



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# Strengths

- Strong activity at a strategic level led by Metro
- Developing partnership working with key sectors:
  - HEALTH: Hospitals & PCTs
  - EDUCATION: LSC & FE Colleges
  - EMPLOYMENT: JobCentrePlus
- High quality PT information products & services
- Innovative public & community transport schemes in some districts (e.g. Kirklees MetroLocal)
- Links between district Highways & Planning services (developing their Local Development Frameworks)



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# Weaknesses



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- 'Catch all' strategy lacking focus / clear priorities
- Out of date Action Plan
- Weak delivery at local level by district authorities:
  - Uncertain roles & limited ownership across the authority
  - Limited integration with highways capital programmes
  - Unsuccessful engagement with Local Strategic Partnerships
- Single target for PT accessibility at WY level deterring districts identifying & acting on local priorities
- Bus operators not motivated by LTP target
- Delivery dependant on revenue funds & partner commitment
- Limited monitoring of schemes / little knowledge of impacts



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# Opportunities

- Reasonable PT network / no glaring strategic weaknesses
- All LTP partners have Accession & GIS mapping capabilities
- Completed audit of Community Transport Sector
  - Capacity building & co-ordinated development (- a long game?)
- Progress Report allows amendment to accessibility target(s)
- Output based targets?
- Local Area Agreements?
  - involvement on a wider set of indicators
- Locality working
- Local Transport Bill measures?



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# Threats

- Increased fuel costs etc impacting on passengers/services
- Limited revenue funds for projects
- Loss / non-replacement of staff & technical mapping skills
- Accessibility not prioritised in district LAA 2008-11
- Government focus on economic competitiveness
  - social inclusion /accessibility slipping down local agenda?
- External partners unable to match LTP partners with commitment & resources?



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# Workshop questions



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- SWOT
  - Is it accurate / are there any gaps?
  - Are any issues more significant than others?
- Role of Partnership
  - How could members get more value out of Partnership?
  - How could the Partnership more fully develop its strategic role?
  - Is there buy-in to objectives? (ToR) How could this be improved?
  - Is there a need for change: membership? arrangements? priorities?
- Future workplan
  - Do we continue with Health & Education sectors? Are there additional areas we should be focusing on?
  - How do we get better alignment with other areas of LA / partner activity?
  - Tangible, measurable objectives?
  - Next steps?



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