

Annual Report to LGA

LGA Special Interest Group Annual Report to LGA Leadership Board

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The Consortium aims to:

- act as a forum for discussion and promotion of public transport issues affecting local authorities outside metropolitan areas;
- promote the exchange of experience and good practice between member authorities and in liaison with other bodies;
- advise appropriate committees or other executive bodies of the LGA on public transport issues; and
- represent interests of member authorities to Government, the Local Government Association, operators and other organisations involved in public transport
- provide advice and guidance to member authorities concerning Passenger Transport policy and operations

Key Activities / Outcomes of work undertaken

Responded to the following consultations:

- a. Public Transport Block Ticketing Exemptions
- b. 2018 Periodic Review of Network Rail
- c. Intercity West Coast franchise
- d. Wales & Borders franchise Inquiry
- e. Freight Network Study
- f. Greener Journeys Transport Knowledge Hub
- g. Govia Thameslink timetable
- h. Office of Rail & Road consultation on draft guidance on Network Rail's strategic business plans
- i. Bus Services Bill consultation on draft regulations & guidance

Considered the following:

1. Rail franchise information
2. HS2 developments
3. Rolling stock perspective 2nd edition
4. Impact of congestion on Bus Passengers
5. Transport Focus – demand responsive transport
6. Competition, co-operation & partnership in local bus markets
7. School transport matters – report on school transport provision across the UK 2010 – 16
8. Bus & Community Transport services in Wales
9. Voluntary Welsh Quality standards
10. Transport Focus National Rail Passenger Survey Spring & Autumn 2016
11. Bus Services Bill updates from DfT
12. DfT Rail Freight Strategy
13. The value of the bus to society
14. Bus use statistics England
15. Concessionary Travel statistics England
16. Future of Rail – improving the Rail Passenger experience
17. A green bus for every journey
18. Wheelchair access on buses
19. Network Rail Control Period 6
20. Rail franchising Transport select committee reports
21. Office of Rail & Road periodic review of Network Rail – guidance on Network Rail's strategic business plans
22. Welsh Affairs Committee
23. Wales & Borders Rail franchise report
24. Modernising the Great Western Railway – Public Accounts Committee
25. Transport Focus – Bus Service reviews: consulting on changes to local services
26. Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership – any journey is greener by bus

Liaised with LGA transport policy officers

Regional meeting & study tour held in Cardiff

Speakers at Plenary meetings included representatives from Department for Transport (Bus Services Bill & Rail Fares), Greener Journeys, Network Rail (digital railway/ review of Network Rail structure), Welsh local authorities & operators, TAS partnership

Regular meetings with DfT regarding content of Bus Services Bill

The Consortium is also a member of the All Party Parliamentary Groups for Bus & Rail