Purpose of the report:

- To present a draft final report entitled “Shared Activities in Local Authority Services in the East or England: Report and Case Studies”.

Recommendations:

1. To comment on the report and its findings;
2. To make any amendments, changes or corrections;
3. To consider the next steps and how they might be addressed; and
4. To consider how the report should be circulated.

Background

Through the Capacity in Urban Renaissance in the East (CURE) programme, Regional Cities East has been working with the Regional Transport Forum since summer 2010 to consider shared activities, delivering transport services in the East. The agreed output to the joint work was to be a baseline report presented to the Regional Transport Forum in March 2011. The report would:

- Set out current shared activity and good practice
- Capture the shared activity that has taken place within the RTF
- Offer examples from elsewhere in UK
- Identify opportunities and actions for future development of shared activities

Report

The report contains 19 case studies from across the region and 9 national examples. These 19 cases studies all contribute to key objectives of:

- Efficiency
- Performance
- Resilience
- Delivering sustainable growth

The 19 examples cover a range of transport related activities involving all the 11 transport authorities in the East, and include macro and micro scale activities as well as strategic and operational.
The analysis indicates that objectives have been largely met and experiences are positive. It offers suggestions for addressing issues that have arisen, looks at how key drivers have been responded to and examines the gaps in the current shared activity.

The report sets out 18 possible next steps for consideration by partners.

**Moving Forward**

1. Final draft – this draft can be updated, corrected and amended. A final version will then be presented to the Regional Transport Forum by the end of March. This report is also being presented to the Regional Cities East Board on 25 March. I would ask for any amendments to be e-mailed by Wednesday 16 March.

2. Next steps – the report suggests a number of actions that could be taken to move forward the good practice of the case studies. We welcome a discussion at the meeting on these.

3. Through the CURE programme there is some allowance for design and report production but we would anticipate dissemination is largely through websites. We would also like to do some media releases to draw attention to the case studies and the initiative.

The CURE programme finishes on 31 March 2011 so all amendments will need to be completed by then and actions taken forward through the Regional Transport Forum.

We would like to thank the RTF and its members for their support and contributions in preparing this report.