Shared Activities in Local Authority Transport Services in East of England

Report and Case studies

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Objectives for report

- Produce a baseline report setting out current activity and good practice
- Capture the shared activity that has taken place across region and within the RTF
- Offer examples from elsewhere in UK
- Identify opportunities and actions for future development of shared activities
Driving principles

- Achieving quantifiable **efficiency** savings
- Improving **performance** including putting the customer at the centre of the service
- Improving the **resilience** of the service
- Enabling the delivery of **sustainable growth** of housing and jobs
19 Case Studies
with contributing authority/agency

- M1/A5 link, Central Bedfordshire
- DaSTS, EEDA/Highways Agency
- Evalu8, EEDA
- Local Access Forum, Luton
- Lift Share, Luton
- Regional permit, Luton
- Casualty Reduction Partnership, Luton
- Real time Passenger Information, Luton
- Freight rail improvement, Network Rail
- Norwich Highway Agreement, Norfolk
- Non-emergency patient transport, Norfolk
- Midland Highways Alliance, Peterborough
- Eastern Highways Alliance
- Regional Transport Forum
- South Essex Rapid Transit, Southend
- Cycling Southend, Southend
- Portfolio Meetings, Suffolk
- Casualty Reduction Board, Thurrock
- Essex Real Time Passenger Information, Thurrock
- Civil Protection, Thurrock
National Examples

- Joint Procurement and Procuring Jointly – North Tyneside and Newcastle
- London examples on asphalt, non urgent transport & parking
- Road Safety Time Bank, Northamptonshire
- Kent’s Traffic Management Centre
- LTP2 capital funding in South Yorkshire
- Mid Mersey joint working on growth projects
Key issues

- Benefits
- Business case development
- Models for shared activity
- Joint procurement
- Joint bidding
- Ensuring localism
- Promoting best practice
- Wider partnerships
- Overcoming obstacles
- Gaps and opportunities
Next Steps - 1

- Have a debate around this report and develop a RTF response to the issues and findings
  - Hold a special RTF session on this report and the case studies and invite speakers to debate the best opportunities for shared services.
  - Hold an event to focus on one topic and look at how a shared service could develop and start to map out a strategic business case.
  - Hold a local version of the events described above with key local partners
Next Steps - 2

• Undertake a service review of one or more transport services
  • to examine cost and performance
  • plan for a different service approach
  • using an existing toolkit
• Set up discussions with Eastern Highways Alliance to look to develop the model
• Explore how greater collaboration could deliver on the carbon reduction agenda building on Evalu8
Next Steps - 3

- Share funding expertise
  - Review external funds available and existing bids to provide baseline of current picture and share best practice
  - Hold a joint session with EU funding team to explore how RTF could build on success to better access funding in future
  - Look at setting up joint funding team from several authorities to participate in joint bids
  - Talk to DfT about the benefits of sharing bidding resource and how this could develop
Next Steps - 4

- Set up ½ day visits to case studies of interest
- Looking at the lessons from the Total Place pilots for transport services
- Develop /Commission joint training activities across the members of RTF
- Develop a joint stakeholder communication plan
  - Set up a joint RTF/DfT meeting to discuss opportunities for extended shared services
  - Consider how the Voluntary Sector role could be developed within transport services
  - Set up a joint LEP/RTF/LAs meeting to discuss how transport services may work in the new landscape
Recommendations

- To comment on the report, the presentation and its findings
- To make any amendments, changes or corrections
- To consider the next steps and how they might be addressed – what’s next?
- To consider how the report should be circulated
Thank you to all participants and Regional Transport Forum

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