

Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

Name of item being assessed:	West Berkshire Local Transport Plan 2011/2026 Passenger Transport Strategy
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	July 2012
Owner of item being assessed:	Jenny Graham
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Date of assessment:	June 2012

1. What are the main aims of the item?
The Passenger Transport Strategy forms part of the delivery mechanism for the Local Transport Plan (LTP). It looks specifically at delivering LTP Policy K9: Passenger Transport. The strategy focuses on the development and delivery of passenger transport services and associated infrastructure in the District, along with the provision of effective information on transport services and the development of integrated and smart ticketing. The strategy takes a wider view of passenger transport provision, containing separate strategies for bus and coach, community transport, taxi and private hire vehicles, and passenger rail.

2. Note which groups may be affected by the item, consider how they may be affected and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)

Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this.
Age, disability, gender, race, religion/ beliefs, sexual orientation	The strategy will not have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics. If anything the strategy is likely to improve things, as it is aiming to provide improved public transport services and better access to transport information and ticketing. Public transport services aim to provide people with greater transport choices to access essential services and facilities, and to reduce reliance on the private car.	

Further comments relating to the item:
The Passenger Transport Strategy looks to provide good quality public transport services and associated infrastructure, along with the provision of customer information and ticketing. The strategy has been developed to take a wider view of passenger transport provision across the District, containing separate strategies for bus and

coach, community transport, taxi and private hire vehicles, and passenger rail modes. This considers wider aspects of public transport services provision, such as interchanges, personal safety and security, accessible services for all who wish to travel, and the provision of readily available and easily-understood information on services, timetables, and ticketing. This aims to enable people in both the urban and rural areas of West Berkshire, with access to opportunities and benefits that contribute to the enjoyment of a better quality of life.

The LTP has undergone a Stage 2 EqlA. As this strategy forms part of the LTP it is not considered that a stage 2 EqlA is needed for the strategy.

3. Result (please tick by clicking on relevant box)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	No Relevance - This does not need to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment

For items requiring a Stage 2 equality impact assessment, begin the planning of this now, referring to the equality impact assessment guidance and Stage 2 template.

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	
Stage Two not required:	X

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Date: