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Transport Presentation from DfT

Summary

This paper accompanies a presentation from Nick Bisson, Director of Regional and Local Transport Policy at the Department for Transport.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note the presentation and offer comments to the DfT and LGA officers.

Action

Subject to members' comments, LGA officers to take forward suggested actions.

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- 1. The Board will receive a presentation from Nick Bisson, Director of Regional and Local Transport Policy at the Department for Transport. Nick will give an update on recent transport policy developments, and current and future policy priorities for the DfT.
- 2. In responding to the discussion, members may wish to consider recent policy developments on:
 - Economic regulation and funding of the bus industry, including implications of the recent OFT study into the bus industry and Oxera's report on the future of bus subsidies.
 - The LGA's lobbying on funding for concessionary fares and the future of the national scheme.
 - The need for swift progress with guidance and regulations for Quality Contracts and the implementation of the Local Transport Act.
 - How can the LGA help the DfT make the case for investment in transport in future discussions on public spending

Financial Implications

3. None arising from this report.

Implications for Wales

4. To be considered as appropriate, subject to outcome of the discussion.

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