**LGA Special Interest Groups**

**2014 Annual Report to LGA Leadership Board**

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| **SIG NAME, LEAD OFFICER, AUTHORITY AND CONTACT DETAILS:** |
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| **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:**  [Note: Only LGA member authorities are entitled to SIG membership] |

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| BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET  CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL  BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL  BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER COUNCIL  CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL  CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL  DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL  DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL  ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  GLOUCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL  HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL  NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL  SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL  STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL  SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL  WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL |

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| **TERMS OF REFERENCE:** |
| The Public Transport Consortium (PTC) is a special interest group of the Local Government Association, representing the interests of shire counties and unitary authorities in England and Wales. |

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| **KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:** |
| 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   Every effort shall be made to ensure members derive maximum benefit from the Consortium, by expanding knowledge and understanding of transport issues. The Consortium will contribute to the work of the Local Government Association, and act in the interest of its members. |

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| **KEY ACTIVITIES/OUTCOMES OF WORK UNDERTAKEN** |
| **Responded to following consultations:**  Railways Act 1993 section 26  NR long term planning process: Freight Market Study  NR long term planning process: London and South East Market Study  NR long term planning process: Regional Urban Market Study  ORR Draft Determination Control Period 5 2013  Better Connections – Options for the Integration of High Speed 2  Traffic Commissioners consultation Nov 2013  Consultation on Local Authority Parking  **Provided members with reports on the following topics:**Network Rail Strategic Business Plan Key Dates Passenger Focus Bus Passenger Survey Passenger Focus research: Bus Passenger experience of delays and disruptions Rail Franchise updateDoor to door strategy and multi operator ticketing Case for the Urban bus  Passenger Focus National Passenger Survey spring 2013  Smart ticketing – what rail passengers want  Government’s response to Brown Review  Independently Powered Electric Multiple-Unit test  Valuing the Social Impact of Public Transport  NR Local Government Conference  Office of Rail Regulation final determination  Youth Select Committee Working Group  Rail fares and ticketing next steps  Greener Journeys Bus 2020 manifesto  Bus Passenger views on value for money  Bus Lanes withdrawal in Liverpool  Public Attitudes to Buses: Great Britain March 2013  Passenger Focus: Giving passengers a voice on bus services  Traveline  NR Local Government Conference Dec 2013  Post Legislative Assessment of the Local Transport Act 2008  Passenger Focus – Bus Passenger views on Punctuality and Timetables  Passenger Focus National Rail Passenger Survey Autumn 2013  Devolution of Rail Services  HS2 Update  **Plenary Discussions:**  Alternative Fuels – James Freeman, CEO Reading Buses  Increasing Freight by Rail – Freight on Rail  Smart ticketing developments for rail users – DfT  Punctuality, disruptions & delays (bus) – Mike Bartram, Passenger Focus  Transport Poverty – Allan Williams, sustrans  Bus 2020 – Claire Haigh, Greener Journeys  Exerting influence & getting new rail infrastructure - Stephen Gasche, Kent CC  Control Period 5 – Calvin Lloyd, Network Rail  **Other activities:**  Study Tour 4/5 July 2013 – Cumbria: looking at community transport partnerships (Bus and Rail)  Attended Youth Select Committee working group |