**LGA Special Interest Groups**

**2014 Annual Report to LGA Leadership Board**

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| **SIG NAME, LEAD OFFICER, AUTHORITY AND CONTACT DETAILS:** |
| **SIG NAME: Public Transport Consortium****LEAD OFFICER: Ellie Thornley****AUTHORITY:** **ADDRESS: 45 Sycamore Road, East Leake, Loughborough, Leics** **LE12 6PP** **TEL: 07757 944689** **EMAIL: admin@publictransportconsortium.org.uk** **WEBSITE: www.publictransportconsortium.org.uk** |
| **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:** [Note: Only LGA member authorities are entitled to SIG membership] |

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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 26NR long term planning process: Freight Market StudyNR long term planning process: London and South East Market StudyNR long term planning process: Regional Urban Market StudyORR Draft Determination Control Period 5 2013Better Connections – Options for the Integration of High Speed 2Traffic Commissioners consultation Nov 2013Consultation on Local Authority Parking**Provided members with reports on the following topics:**Network Rail Strategic Business Plan Key DatesPassenger Focus Bus Passenger SurveyPassenger Focus research: Bus Passenger experience of delays and disruptionsRail Franchise updateDoor to door strategy and multi operator ticketingCase for the Urban busPassenger Focus National Passenger Survey spring 2013Smart ticketing – what rail passengers wantGovernment’s response to Brown ReviewIndependently Powered Electric Multiple-Unit testValuing the Social Impact of Public TransportNR Local Government ConferenceOffice of Rail Regulation final determinationYouth Select Committee Working GroupRail fares and ticketing next stepsGreener Journeys Bus 2020 manifestoBus Passenger views on value for moneyBus Lanes withdrawal in LiverpoolPublic Attitudes to Buses: Great Britain March 2013Passenger Focus: Giving passengers a voice on bus servicesTraveline NR Local Government Conference Dec 2013Post Legislative Assessment of the Local Transport Act 2008Passenger Focus – Bus Passenger views on Punctuality and TimetablesPassenger Focus National Rail Passenger Survey Autumn 2013Devolution of Rail ServicesHS2 Update**Plenary Discussions:**Alternative Fuels – James Freeman, CEO Reading BusesIncreasing Freight by Rail – Freight on RailSmart ticketing developments for rail users – DfTPunctuality, disruptions & delays (bus) – Mike Bartram, Passenger FocusTransport Poverty – Allan Williams, sustransBus 2020 – Claire Haigh, Greener JourneysExerting influence & getting new rail infrastructure - Stephen Gasche, Kent CCControl 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 |