

Due Regard Statement

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Name of the policy, service, strategy, procedure or function: (indicate whether new or revised)

Appointment of Members to Gloucestershire's Local Transport Body

Briefly describe its aims and expected outcomes

The Government is proposing that future funding for local major transport schemes is devolved to new "Local Transport Bodies" (LTBs), based on the current Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas. The previous major scheme bidding process is now entirely devolved to the new LTBs. Once established, the LTB will become responsible for prioritising major scheme funding, based on a set of eligibility and value for money criteria. The LTB for Gloucestershire will be set up early in 2013 – with key members being Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the LEP and Leadership Gloucestershire. The local transport authority (GCC) would remain responsible for the construction and subsequent maintenance of any prioritised schemes, unless agreed otherwise.

The Cabinet report recommends that Cabinet appoint the GCC representatives for Gloucestershire's Local Transport Body (LTB).

Gathering the evidence base

List the main sources of data, research and other sources of evidence, including full references, used to determine the impact of your work on each of the protected groups. If there are gaps in evidence, state what you will do to close them in the Action plan at the end of this document.

	Service user data (if applicable) If service user data is not available, use the action plan below to identify how service user data will be collated in the future.	Other (for example, local demographic data, research , ONS, partner data, officer knowledge)
All	No impact can currently be assessed. This report only refers to the appointment of GCC representatives for the Local Transport Body. Once a decision to fund specific schemes is made by the Local Transport Body, the impacts of this scheme on all equality groups will be assessed.	In January 2012, the Government consulted on devolving funding for Local Major Transport Schemes: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/devolving-local-major-transport-schemes-consultation In November 2012, the DfT published guidance on the setting up of Local Transport Bodies: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-local-transport-bodies
Age		
Disability		
Sex		
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)		

Gender reassignment		
Marriage & civil partnership		
Pregnancy & maternity		
Religion or Belief		
Sexual Orientation		

	Workforce data If employees are affected by your 'project' please outline the profile of the workforce affected below.	
All	N/A	
Age		

Disability	
Sex	
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)	
Gender reassignm ent	
Marriage & civil partnership	
Pregnancy & maternity	
Religion or Belief	
Sexual Orientation	

Consultation and engagement

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List all types of consultation that has taken place during the development of this activity. Include on-line consultations, events, meetings with stakeholders, community events, employee consultation exercises etc

GCC has worked closely with the Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to develop the governance structure for the new LTB. The proposal was also presented to Leadership Gloucestershire.

An emerging draft "Assurance Framework" for the governance of Gloucestershire's Local Transport Body (LTB) has been produced, setting out roles and responsibilities of the LTB, key processes for ensuring accountability, probity transparency, compliance with legal obligations and value for money. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is currently consulting on this draft "Assurance Framework" at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/article/111462/ .

GCC is also currently running a call for schemes consultation: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/article/111463>.

Main consultees are:

- GCC officers and District Council officers.
- All councillors
- Statutory Environmental Bodies.
- GFirst/LEP
- Large employers.
- Transport operators
- Department for Transport (Regional Engagement Team)
- Leadership Gloucestershire.
- Major developers/Consultants.
- Neighbouring local authorities.
- MP/MEPs.
- Statutory Environment Agencies

Equality analysis: What the evidence shows

Considering the evidence and engagement activity you listed above, please summarise the impact of your work. Consider whether the evidence shows potential for differential impact, if so state whether adverse or positive and for which groups. In the next section you will be required to document how you will mitigate any negative impacts.

Useful questions to consider:

Do policy outcomes and service take-up differ between people with different protected characteristics?

What are the key findings of your engagement?

If there is a greater impact on one group, is that consistent with the policy aims?

If the policy has negative impacts on people with particular characteristics, what steps can be taken to mitigate these effects?

Does any part of the policy discriminate unlawfully?

Will the policy deliver practical benefits for certain groups?

Does the policy miss opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations?

Do other policies need to change to enable this policy to be effective?

What are the impacts to the workforce?

Briefly outline your main findings that relate to the Council's commitment to: **Eliminate discrimination (consider potential for indirect discrimination) Advance equality of opportunity Promote good relations. This can include challenges and opportunities.**

Note: If you are assessing a number of options, you should consider the opportunities and challenges of EACH option.

Protected group	Challenge or opportunity
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Age(A)	
Disability (D)	

Sex (S)	
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)(R)	
Gender reassignment(GR)	
Marriage & civil partnership (MCP)	
Pregnancy & maternity (PM)	
Religion and/or Belief (RAOB)	
Sexual Orientation(SO)	
Carers	

Strengthening actions: Outline what actions have been identified to mitigate the key findings identified above by protected group.

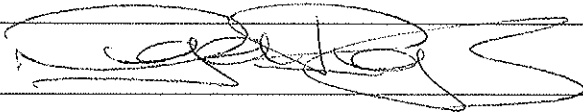

Potential/ actual impact	Protected group (s) affected	Proposed mitigating action(s)	Accountability	Timeframe
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Monitoring and Review

Please indicate what processes/actions will be put in place to keep this 'activity' under review.

Action	Accountability	Timeframe
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Sign off and Scrutiny

Signed off as complete by:	Date:
Senior level sign off: 	Date: 29/01/13
Name of relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet Member:	
I confirm that I have examined sufficient information and understood the potential impact of the proposal. I am in agreement with the proposed mitigating actions and confirm that I have had due regard to the needs set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.	
Signed by Portfolio Holder/Cabinet Member: 	Date: 28 th January 2013
Assessment published alongside cabinet report:	Date: 29.1.2013