

## Due Regard Statement

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

Schemes to be promoted by GCC to apply for Major Schemes Funding

**Briefly describe its aims and expected outcomes**

From April 2015, the Government is proposing that funding for local major transport schemes is devolved to new "Local Transport Bodies" (LTBs), based on the current Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas. The current centralised major scheme bidding process will, in future, be 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. Gloucestershire's LTB will be set up in March 2013 – with key members being Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the LEP and Leadership Gloucestershire. The local transport authority (LTA) (GCC) will remain responsible for the construction and subsequent maintenance of any prioritised schemes, unless agreed otherwise.

The LTB is not one of the organisations listed in schedule 19 of the Equality Act 2010 as an organisation to which the Public Sector Equality Duty applies. However, it will have a majority of elected members and the LTB commitments and responsibilities regarding the Public Sector Equality Duty have been addressed in the draft Assurance Framework governing the LTB decision making processes.

The Cabinet report recommends that Cabinet resolves to promote to the Local Transport Body a list of schemes set out paragraph 7 of the report.

## 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.

	<b>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.</b>	<b>Other (for example, local demographic data, research , ONS, partner data, officer knowledge)</b>
<b>All</b>	<p>No impact can currently be assessed. This report only seeks permission to apply for funding for a list of schemes. 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 it's assessment process, the LTB will also assess each scheme against the LTP3 objectives as follows:</p> <p>The impacts on a greener, healthier Gloucestershire will be assessed against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon emissions (carbon activity, construction impacts, fuel types, carbon efficiency)</li> <li>• Local environment (air quality, noise, natural and urban environment)</li> <li>• Physical activity</li> </ul> <p>The impacts on sustainable economic growth will be</p>	

	<p>assessed against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User benefits (connectivity, reliability, resilience)</li> <li>• Delivery of housing</li> <li>• Wider economic benefits and regeneration</li> </ul> <p>The impacts on a safer, securer transport system will be assessed against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injuries or deaths</li> <li>• Crime, terrorism)</li> </ul> <p>The impacts on good access to services will be assessed against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to a range of goods, services, people and places</li> <li>• Severance</li> <li>• Social and distributional impacts including accessibility, affordability, availability, acceptability for vulnerable groups (young people, older people, low income, disabled)</li> </ul>	
<b>Age</b>	<p>Specific age groups may be affected by one or more of the schemes GCC is seeking funding for. Further detail on how this group may be affected is included in the equality analysis section of this report. Ongoing consideration to these groups will be given as part of the assessment process.</p>	
<b>Disability</b>	<p>People with disabilities may be affected by one or more of the schemes GCC is seeking funding for. Further detail on how they may be affected is included in the equality analysis section of this report. Ongoing consideration to these groups will be given as part of the assessment process.</p>	
<b>Sex</b>	<p>People of different sexes may be affected by one or more of the schemes GCC is seeking funding for. Further detail on how they may be affected is included in the equality analysis section of this report. Ongoing consideration to</p>	

	these groups will be given as part of the assessment process.	
<b>Race (including Gypsy &amp; Traveller)</b>	Some BME groups may be affected by one or more of the schemes GCC is seeking funding for. Further detail on how they may be affected is included in the equality analysis section of this report. Ongoing consideration to these groups will be given as part of the assessment process.	
<b>Gender reassignment</b>		
<b>Marriage &amp; civil partnership</b>		
<b>Pregnancy &amp; maternity</b>		
<b>Religion or Belief</b>		
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>		

	<b>Workforce data</b> If employees are affected by your 'project' please outline the profile of the workforce affected below.
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<b>All</b>	N/A
<b>Age</b>	
<b>Disability</b>	
<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Race (including Gypsy &amp; Traveller)</b>	
<b>Gender reassignm ent</b>	
<b>Marriage &amp; civil partnership</b>	
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<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	
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## Consultation and engagement

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

A consultation on the eligibility criteria for major transport schemes was held between 08/10/2012 and 12/11/2012.

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) also consulted on the draft "Assurance Framework" between 13/12/2012 and 15/02/2013 and ran a "call for schemes consultation" between 02/01/2013 and 01/03/2013. Main consultees were:

- 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

The LTB will conduct its business in an open and transparent way, so that it is clear how priorities have been set. The LTB will adhere to the Local Government Code of Practice on Data Transparency. Local Communities, stakeholders and the public will be able to see all papers relevant to the decisions made by the LTB on the LTB website. The LTB will also have a dedicated e-mail

address and phone number so that stakeholders and members of the public can get in contact. The LTB will use social media (Facebook and Twitter) to provide regular updates to stakeholders and the public; who can also provide comments through this forum. The LTB will hold consultation events with the public and stakeholders as necessary. For further information, please view the Draft Assurance Framework for Gloucestershire's LTB: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=54019&p=0>

## 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)	Specific age groups may be affected by schemes promoted by GCC because individual travel patterns changes with age. Data from the 2008 national Travel Survey shows, for example, that the proportion of trips made by car as a driver increases with age before it declines again in older



	<p>age groups. Children aged 16 and under made over half of their trips as car passengers, with most of the rest on foot and were more likely to own a bike. People aged 17-10 years and aged over 60 are more likely than other age groups to use the bus.</p> <p>It is also important to note that the proportion of people with mobility difficulties increases with age.<sup>1</sup></p>
<b>Disability (D)</b>	<p>People with disabilities may be affected by transport schemes promoted by GCC because of barriers to using specific modes of transport. Disabled people are less likely to drive cars and to have a car in their household. They can also be affected by physical barriers to using public transport such as getting on and off the bus, getting to bus stops or reading timetables.<sup>2</sup></p>
<b>Sex (S)</b>	<p>Men and women may be affected differently by transport schemes promoted by GCC because of different access to transport and different choice of transport mode. Difference in car use, for example is closely related to differences in licence holding and the proportion of men with a full Driving licence is significantly higher than that of women, though the percentage of women holding a driving license is continuing to increase.<sup>3</sup></p>
<b>Race (including Gypsy &amp; Traveller)(R)</b>	<p>The 2008 national Travel Survey shows that there are variations in car access between different ethnic groups. These can be explained by differences in area type of residence and income levels.</p> <p>Fear from racial attacks and difficulties with language can also create barriers to public transport use.<sup>4</sup></p>

<sup>1</sup> Source: Leicester and Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 3 2011-2026 - Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Report ([http://www.leics.gov.uk/eia\\_scoping\\_report.pdf](http://www.leics.gov.uk/eia_scoping_report.pdf))

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<b>Gender reassignment(GR)</b>	
<b>Marriage &amp; civil partnership (MCP)</b>	
<b>Pregnancy &amp; maternity (PM)</b>	
<b>Religion and/or Belief (RAOB)</b>	
<b>Sexual Orientation(SO)</b>	
<b>Carers</b>	

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

<b>Potential/ actual impact</b>	<b>Protected group (s) affected</b>	<b>Proposed mitigating action(s)</b>	<b>Accountability</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>


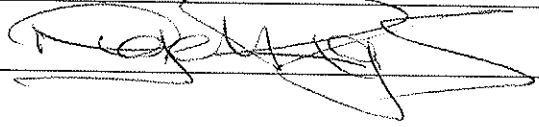
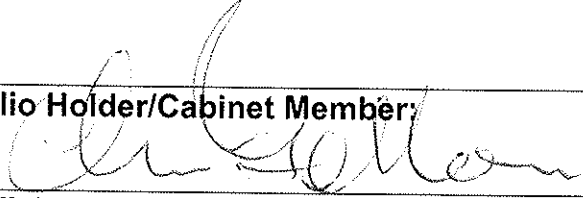
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## Monitoring and Review

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

<b>Action</b>	<b>Accountability</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
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## Sign off and Scrutiny

Signed off as complete by: 	Date: 15/02/2013
Senior level sign off: 	Date: 15/02/2013
<b>Name of relevant Portfolio Holder/Cabinet Member:</b> Cllr C Fellows  <b>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.</b>	
Signed by Portfolio Holder/Cabinet Member: 	Date: 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2013
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