



## **The Coventry Partnership Transport Theme Group Terms of Reference**

Transport plays a key role in enabling the City – its communities and individuals – to operate efficiently and sustainably to achieve their social, economic and environmental needs.

Transport policy, facilities and services in Coventry are provided by many organisations. The City Council and Centro / PTA have responsibility for setting out the overall strategic direction for transport within the City and for providing much of the infrastructure. Bus and rail companies provide most of the services within the City. Everyone has an interest in ensuring that transport operates as effectively as possible and there are many stakeholder and interest groups which participate in influencing decision making to best effect. These bodies and agencies are represented on the Transport Theme Group.

### **Overall Aim**

The Transport Theme Group will “bring together the resources, energy and creativity of key organisations, groups, communities and people to work to meet the transport needs of the City of Coventry in improving and maintaining the economic, social and environmental health and well-being of its people.”

### **Specific Purposes**

The Transport Theme Group will, on behalf of The Coventry Partnership:

1. Delivery the transport objectives of the Coventry Community Plan 2003 - 2010.
2. Take a strategic overview of “Transport for All” in Coventry and focus particularly on social inclusion by ensuring that due account is taken of social cohesion and diversity issues including those related to priority groups, neighbourhoods and communities.
3. Be the principal co-ordinating group in the development, implementation and review of Coventry's input to the WM Local Transport Plan.

4. Act as the principal consultation forum on transport planning projects and issues of city-wide significance.
5. Seek to add value to, influence and support, the work of all the agencies directly involved in providing transport strategy, facilities and services in Coventry.
6. Identify gaps and inconsistencies of approach in transport provision which need to be addressed, and influence the key priorities, targets and programmes of the providing agencies in line with The Coventry Partnership's Community Plan and Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.
7. Identify resources to support the achievement of the agreed targets and priorities and get approval as necessary for the use of resources.
8. Investigate, encourage and implement relevant actions to identify and disseminate best practice.
9. Maintain clear and positive relationships with other related partnerships, forums and groups, and ensure co-ordination with other Theme Groups of The Coventry Partnership.
10. Have a commitment to the delivery the transport objectives of the community plan.

### **Working Arrangements**

1. The group will meet quarterly
2. The Chair of the Transport Theme Group will be represented on The Coventry Partnership.
3. The chair will be appointed by the LSP
4. The Chair will report formally to The Coventry Partnership on progress against targets and actions necessary to achieve targets.
5. Transport sub-groups will meet separately and report back to the Theme Group as and when necessary to bring forward specific proposals and projects.
6. The Transport Theme Group will be accountable to the Coventry Partnership

### **Membership**

- Transport co-ordinators and facility providers (i.e.) CCC, Centro, The Highways Agency)
- Transport service providers (e.g. Travel Coventry, Stagecoach, Virgin Rail)
- Transport users organisations (e.g. pedestrians, cyclists, public and private transport users)
- Community groups (e.g. WEHM / NDC)
- Voluntary Sector
- Specific interest groups (e.g. Older Persons Forum)

- Disability / Mobility Impaired groups (e.g. Reading Services for the Blind)
- Safety organisations (e.g. Community Safety Team)
- Environmental organisations (e.g. Agenda 21)
- CVOne
- The Police
- Adjoining local transport authority (i.e. Warwickshire CC)
- Health Trusts (e.g. PCTs, C&W University Hospitals NHS Trust)
- Employer organisations (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, CSWP)
- Education organisations (e.g. LEA, Universities, FE Colleges)
- Support staff from The Coventry Partnership and Coventry City Council
- JOB Centre Plus should be added to membership
- North Coventry (Arena) Group
- Coventry City Council's Transport Delivery Unit (TDU)