

An Inclusive Equitable Society

P1:

An integrated approach to transport provision for all members of the community will be pursued to facilitate equality of opportunity, reduce social exclusion, improve health and well-being and assist urban regeneration, whilst fully considering the needs of the environment.

P2:

The needs of people with a disability; those suffering from (multiple) deprivation; those in relatively inaccessible/isolated locations; and the more vulnerable road users (the young, elderly, pedestrians and cyclists) need to be formally considered at the outset in respect of transport policy and proposals, and demonstrably so.

- 3.72 Examples of the implications of these policies include catering for the needs of people with a disability in the design and layout of our streets; in traffic management schemes; and in the design and operation of public transport (e.g. low level buses; lifts at all stations; hearing loops).
- 3.73 More bespoke travel opportunities like 'Dial a Ride' or Mobility Buses may also be appropriate. Community transport like this provides a valuable resource for many people who may otherwise be 'disenfranchised' from meeting their travel needs and, as such, will be supported by the Council as powers and resources allow.
- 3.74 When drawing up transport schemes and proposals it should be made explicit what has been incorporated into the scheme to meet the needs of the more vulnerable members of the community as covered by these policies. This will help ensure these issues are not (inadvertently) overlooked.

An Integrated Approach

P3:

Land use, design and location of development and transport need to be planned and implemented in an integrated way to reduce the need to travel, and to ensure development/land uses are served by transport networks that are fit for purpose, of appropriate capacity and sustainable (and include the needs of the community and the environment).

P4:

The Council will work corporately and with other agencies/partners and with the local community to ensure this integration occurs.

