

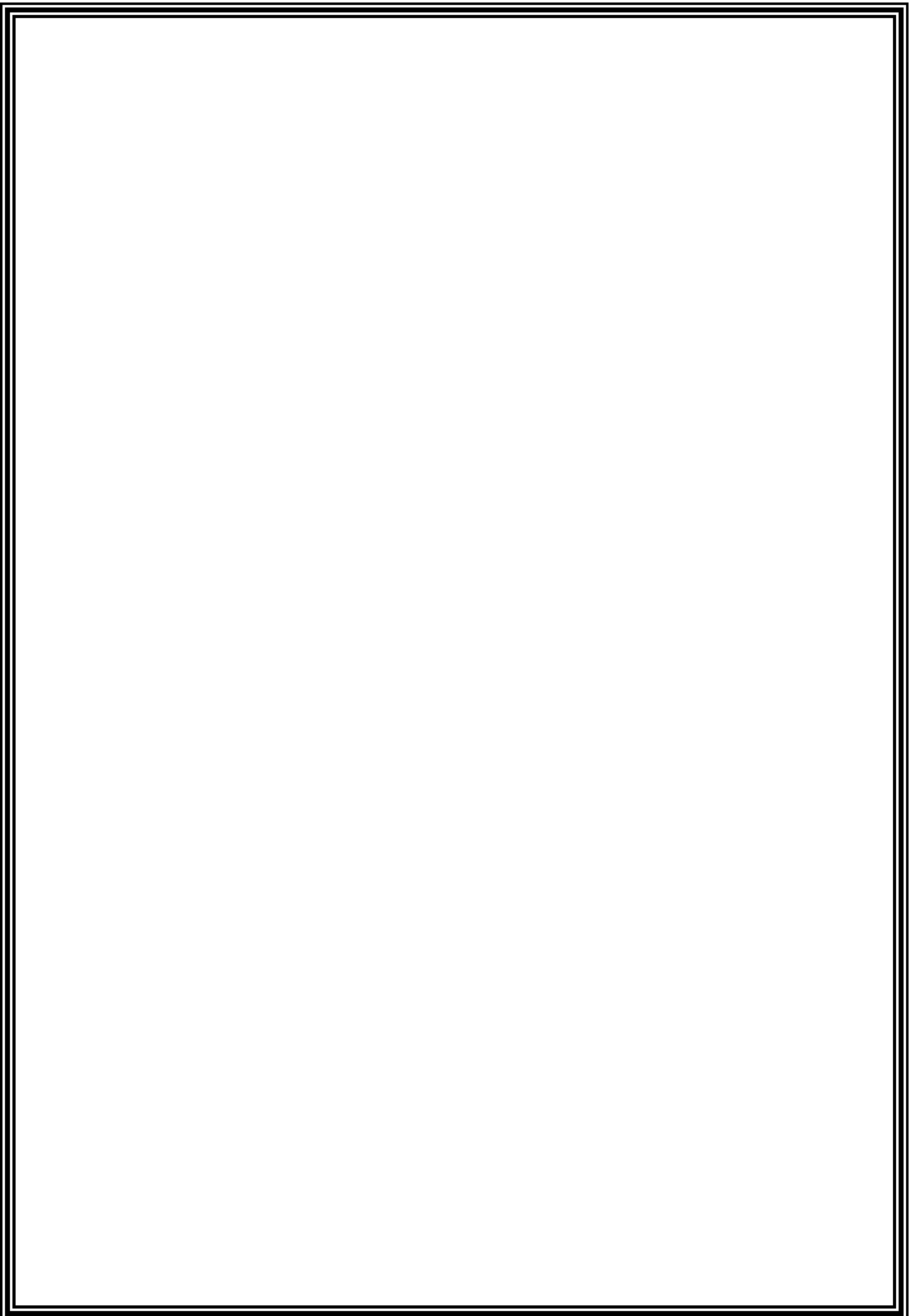


# Leicester and Leicestershire

## Local Transport Day

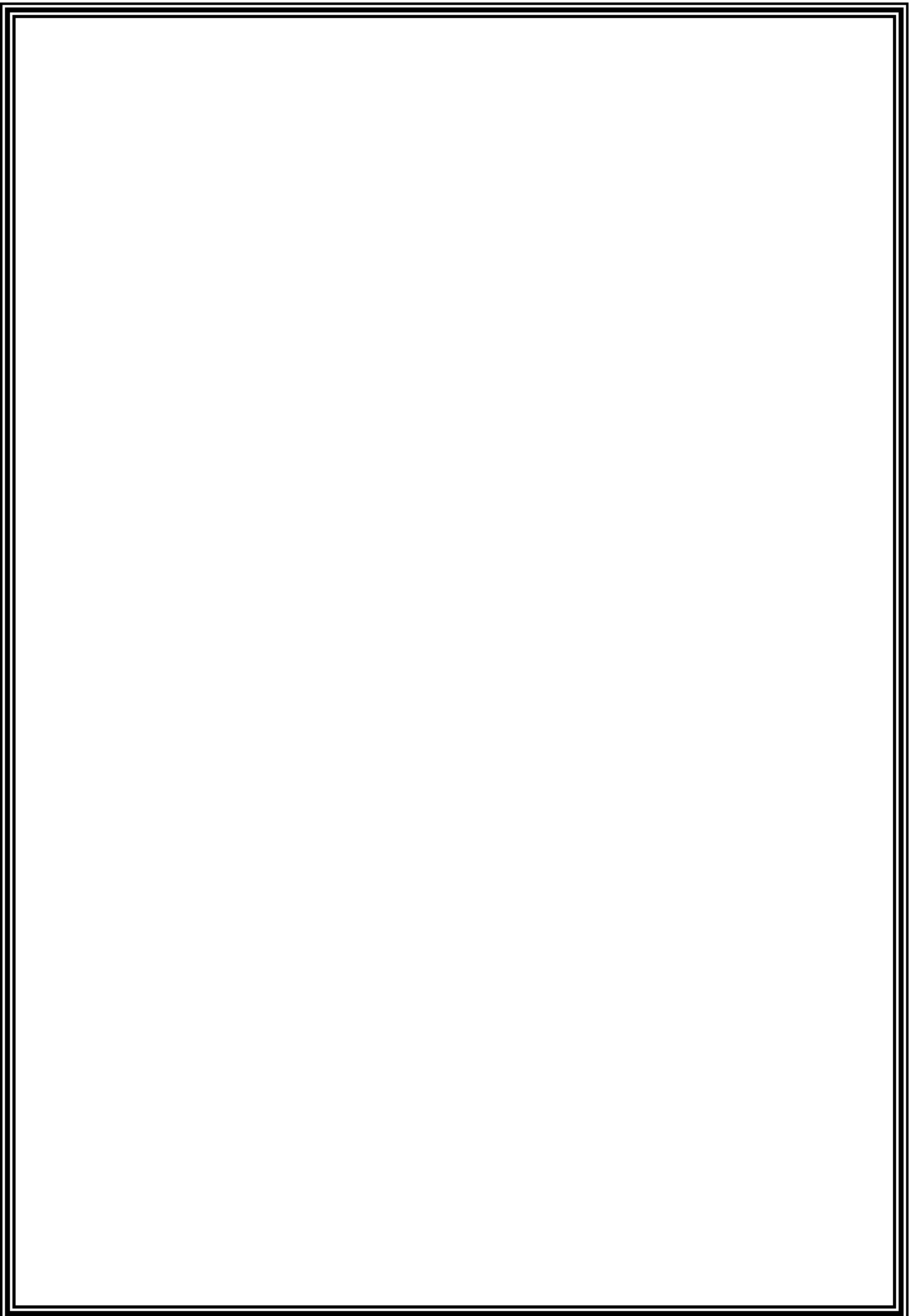
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## Introduction to Local Transport Day 2008

The Leicester and Leicestershire annual Local Transport Day is now in its eleventh year and plays a vital role in moving the local transport agenda forward by providing the opportunity for transport professionals and stakeholders to come together to discuss key issues.

This year's event, held at Leicester Tigers Rugby Ground on 01 July provided those involved with the opportunity to look back over progress made during the first half of the current Local Transport Plan (2006-2011) and to look forward to challenges and opportunities during the remainder of the Local Transport Plan period.

This report aims to capture the outcomes from the day by summarising the presentations given, detailing the main messages from each of the stakeholder workshops and documenting the key messages the City and County Councils are taking away from the day. The report also includes a summary of feedback from stakeholders who attended the day as well as a list of delegates.

We hope you find this report useful. If you have any further questions, or you would like to discuss any of the issues raised within this report please contact either:

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**Leicester and Leicestershire Eleventh Local Transport  
Day  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

**AGENDA**

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|---------------|---|
| 09.15 – 09.45 | Registration  |
| 09.45 – 09.50 | Welcome and introductions by Cllr Rushton   |
| 09.50 – 11.00 | LTP2 - What have we achieved so far?<br><br>Tackling Congestion and Improving Air Quality – Garry Scott<br>Delivering Accessibility – Tony Kirk<br>Safer Roads – Mike Hay<br>Panel discussion on what we have achieved                        |
| 11.00 – 11.10 | 6Cs TIF – Ian Drummond  |
| 11.10 – 11.15 | Summary and introduction of workshops   |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Refreshment break   |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Workshop Sessions<br>1. Securing Changes in Travel Behaviour<br>2. PT Information and Satisfaction with Buses<br>3. Moving around the City Centre<br>4. A Tram for Leicester?<br>5. Perceptions of Car Parking<br>6. Moving around the County |
| 12.30 – 13.15 | Lunch   |
| 13.15 – 13.20 | Welcome to afternoon session by Cllr Kitterick  |
| 13.20 – 13.45 | Feedback from Workshop Sessions   |
| 13.45 – 14.40 | The Growth Agenda - The Transport Challenges<br><br>Key Facts, Figures and Forecasts – Mark Wills<br>Regeneration in the City – Jeff Miller<br>SUEs – Andy Yeomanson<br>County Towns – Jo Eynon<br>Panel discussion on the challenges ahead   |
| 14.40 – 14.45 | Summary and close   |



## Summary of presentations

The day was structured to allow stakeholders to spend time looking back at progress over the first two years of LTP2 as well as the major challenges ahead during the remainder of the LTP2 period.

The following section presents the key points from each of the presentations. It has been split into two sections: What we have achieved so far and The Growth Agenda – The Transport Challenges. A full copy of each presentation is available at our website at [www.leics.gov.uk/ltp](http://www.leics.gov.uk/ltp)

### **1. What have we achieved so far?**

#### **1.1 Tacking Congestion and Improving Air Quality** Garry Scott, Leicester City Council

- The estimated cost of congestion to the East Midlands economy is £935m.
- Leicester is the 2<sup>nd</sup> slowest City in the Country and one of 10 urban areas to have a congestion target with Government.
- Initiatives to improve congestion include delivery of additional Park & Ride sites and quality bus corridors, better supervision of contractors and management of roadworks and better control of signals, junctions and parking.
- Progress is being made - average journey time per mile has fallen slightly despite people travelling more. However, there remain many challenges ahead not least those associated with delivering the growth agenda (see 2 below).

#### **1.2 Delivering Accessibility** Tony Kirk, Leicestershire County Council

- Improving accessibility to facilities and services is key to people's quality of life.
- Three key strands of accessibility have been identified - public transport, walking and cycling and travel planning.
- Three pilot project areas will trial approaches to improving accessibility. These will focus on improving communication with residents to increase awareness of services and facilities available, the delivery of an urban accessibility project in Oadby & Wigston and the development of a similar rural-based project in either Harborough or North-West Leicestershire.

#### **1.3 Road Safety** Mike Hay, Leicestershire County Council

- Good progress has been made in reducing the number of people and children killed and seriously injured in Leicester and Leicestershire over the last 13 years.
- Our work moving forward will focus on reducing the number of fatal accidents on our roads, reducing accidents involving motorcyclists,

young drivers and single vehicles and those involving instances of drink-driving.

- A wide range of road safety and training initiatives are targeted at the road users identified above. We are working with key partners to improve road safety through our Road Safety Partnership and Safety Camera Scheme and initiatives such as Community Speedwatch. Engineering interventions are focused on improving locations and routes where the number of accidents is unacceptably high.

#### 1.4 6 Cs Congestion Management Study Ian Drummond, Leicestershire County Council

- Involving the City Councils of Leicester, Nottingham and Derby and the County Councils of Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, the 6Cs Congestion Management Project investigated the potential economic benefits that could be achieved in the region if a congestion charging system was put in place.
- The study concluded that such a system around each of the 3 Cities, if combined with complementary measures (such as such as better bus services, bus fare reduction, smarter ticketing, Park & Ride sites), would provide economic benefits.
- Despite the decision not to continue with the project, there were real benefits obtained from the study. A consistent picture of levels of congestion across the major cities and towns within the area was developed and the survey results will aid prioritisation, design and development of schemes to be taken forward as part of local authority plans and programmes.
- Potential further 6Cs projects to help tackle congestion include opportunities presented by the Local Transport Bill, network ticketing for the sub-region and better connectivity.

## 2. The Growth Agenda – The Transport Challenges

### 2.1 Key Facts, Figures and Forecasts Mark Wills, Leicester City Council

- The population of Leicester and Leicestershire is predicted to increase to 1.1m and 94,000 new homes are programmed to be built in the City and County between now and 2026.
- The Pennbury Eco-town contains proposals for a further 15,000 home development.
- Such population and housing growth will place significant strain on the transport network - the number of person trips in the City and County is predicted to increase by over 25% between now and 2026, having a potentially significant impact on congestion, air quality and road safety.
- Transport challenges faced include ensuring the infrastructure put in place is sustainable, has minimal impact on the environment and society and supports economic development.
- A step change in public transport improvement will be required and significant capital and revenue monies will need to be found to fund the improved infrastructure.

## 2.2 Regeneration in the City

Jeff Miller, Leicester City Council

- The presentation highlighted three major projects that have been / are being delivered to regenerate areas of the City.
- The City Centre Development Project has seen the creation of a pedestrianised area to encourage walking and cycling and reduce air pollution. This is served by good access via bus routes and car parks and contains additional seating / re-constructed street surfaces.
- Work on the Cultural Quarter has delivered improvements to support the Curve and other developments. It has provided improved pedestrian links to the retail core and bus stops and removed unnecessary traffic from the square outside the Curve.
- The St Nicholas Place Park & Ride Project will create a new facility to accommodate stops from the Park & Ride services at Meynells Gorse, Enderby and Birstall. Construction will be complete for the start of the Enderby Park & Ride service in Autumn 2009.

## 2.3 Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs)

Andy Yeomanson, Leicestershire County Council

- The SUE process will be a key aspect of housing growth delivery in the County from 2016 and beyond.
- Five locations have been identified as SUEs - Loughborough, Coalville, North and West of Leicester and Hinckley.
- Delivering the SUEs via the local planning process and aligning appropriate Local Development Frameworks and Masterplans with the SUE process will be key to success.
- There are many other challenges. These include getting the public on board, funding the necessary transport infrastructure to support SUEs, making the development sustainable and ensuring that the necessary resource is in place through local authorities, builders and developers to develop and deliver this process.

## 2.4 County Towns

Joanne Eynon, Leicestershire County Council

- County Towns are vital to providing residents with good access to work, shopping, facilities, education and health.
- A number of projects are currently being moved forward, including the redevelopment of Hinckley Bus Station, the Loughborough Eastern Gateway Project, the Earl Shilton Bypass and the Loughborough Town Centre Improvement Scheme.
- Studies are also currently taking place on, or are planned for, a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for the City and County, a Melton Mowbray Bypass, Lutterworth / Sharnford and the National Forest Line.
- Our Town Centre work will feed into the development plan process, Accessibility Planning and the development of a Longer-Term Transport Plan.



## **Summary of outcomes from stakeholder workshops**

Six stakeholder workshops were held to provide attendees with the opportunity to discuss in more detail current transport issues for the City and County. Workshop facilitators were asked to summarise the outcomes from their Workshops by presenting the three key points from the session. These are shown below.

### **Securing changes in travel behaviour**

1. Challenge misconceptions (e.g. fear of walking).
2. Localisation – reduce the need to travel (e.g. work from home; take goods and services to people).
3. Information and communication (e.g. walking / cycling maps; ticket discounts).

### **Public transport information and satisfaction with buses**

1. Better use of technology should be made to improve accessibility to public transport information (i.e. web-based and real time information).
2. Integrated ticketing should be investigated and promoted.
3. Visibility of information – it needs to be “out there” and easier to understand (simplicity).

### **Moving around the City Centre**

1. Direction signage to car parks needs to be improved to reduce lost journeys.
2. The expansion of the pedestrian area in the City Centre needs to be investigated (although there were mixed views on this across the Group).
3. There was some support for public transport improvement. There was uncertainty as to whether a tram system would improve access to the City.

### **A tram for Leicester**

1. The decision not to proceed with the 6Cs Congestion Management Study was a missed opportunity to look into the possibility of a tram system for Leicester more seriously.

2. Any tram system would have to be integrated and focus on the bigger picture and longer-term. For example, it would need to feed key points (i.e. hospitals, the bus and rail stations) and could be orbital rather than radial.
3. The Group felt that whatever happens in the long-term, the focus needs to be on initiatives and schemes that will help to reduce car dependency and improve reliability and journey time for other modes of transport. The Group also questioned whether a tram system would provide the best return in terms of value for money.

### **Perceptions of car parking**

1. Addressing security on the car parks across the City Centre is key (i.e. fear of crime). Would achievement of 'Park Mark' standard help?
2. Propose taking a more rigorous approach to anti-social parking across the City and deter obstruction of both pedestrians and road users.
3. Better provision for both cycle and motor cycle parking within car parks (although the feeling is that adequate parking is available for cars parking in the City Centre).

### **Moving around the County**

1. All of the bus routes are currently radial out of the City Centre. There needs to be more cross-county and interchange services to improve accessibility.
2. The potential to re-open previous rail routes across the County should be investigated. Delegates did, however, recognise the high costs this would involve.
3. The wider County is easy to get around in a car and congestion was not perceived as a problem across most of the County.

## **Key messages from Local Transport Day**

Local Transport Day played a vital role for both the City and County Councils in identifying a number of key issues to raise and further investigate as part of their LTP Progress Reports to DfT in December 2008. The aim of these Progress Reports is to identify the progress that has been made during the first two years of the LTP and to identify any challenges, opportunities or risks to future delivery during the remaining years of the LTP.

The key messages we are taking from LT Day into the Progress Reports are shown below. These have been drawn from the Presentations, Stakeholder Workshops and Panel Discussions that took place during the day.

### **1. Information, Information, Information**

- There is a need to put strong emphasis on providing travel information. This can play a vital role in improving accessibility and tackling congestion by increasing awareness of other transport options and services and improving road safety through targeted delivery of education and publicity campaigns.
- Information must be simple, accessible and kept up-to-date.
- The role of educating the young is vital if we are to achieve a culture change in travel behaviour.
- Technology has a major role to play in improving information provision.

### **2. Ability to change travel behaviour?**

- It is extremely challenging to provide alternative forms of travel given the flexibility, convenience and economy of travelling by car from our front drives.
- BUT the current economic climate may provide an opportunity to push sustainable travel. People will benefit from information about how they can save money by considering alternatives to sole car occupancy for their travel needs.

### **3. Partnership working is a strength**

- The day provided a number of good examples of the City and County working in partnership together and with other organisations to deliver real and tangible improvements in transport (i.e. other local authorities, Police, Highways Agency, Sustrans etc).

### **4. Perceptions**

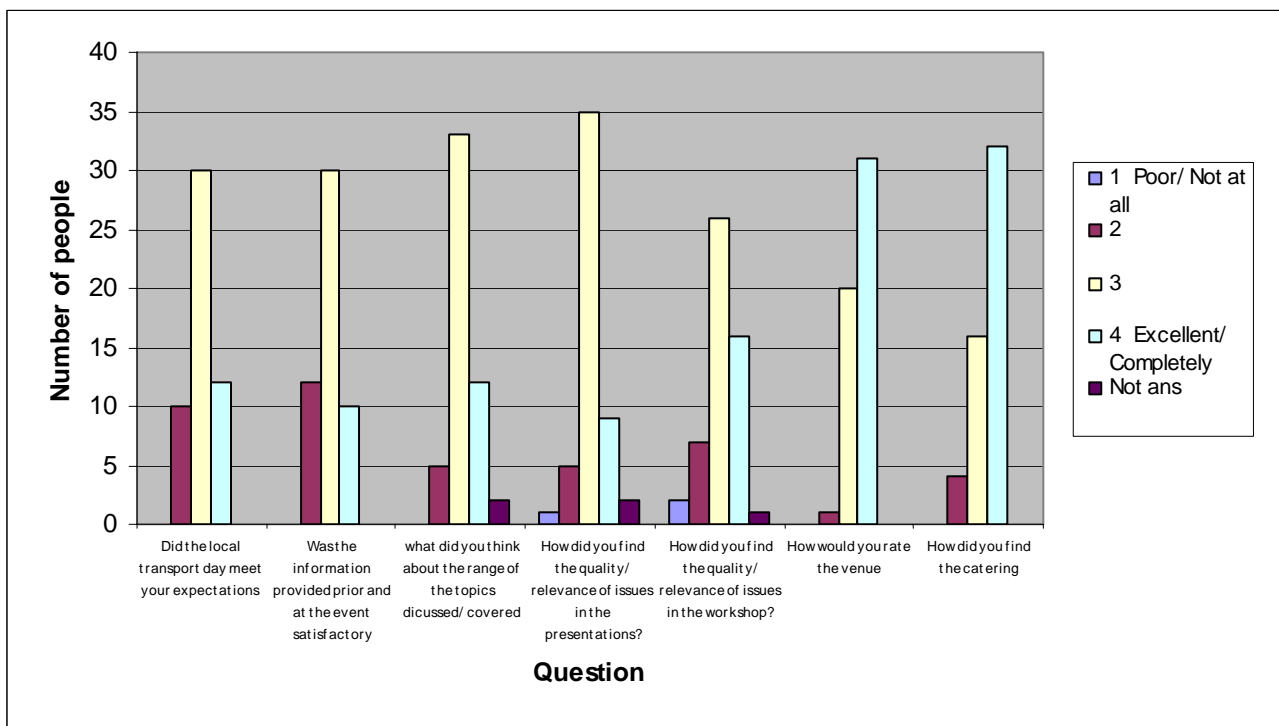
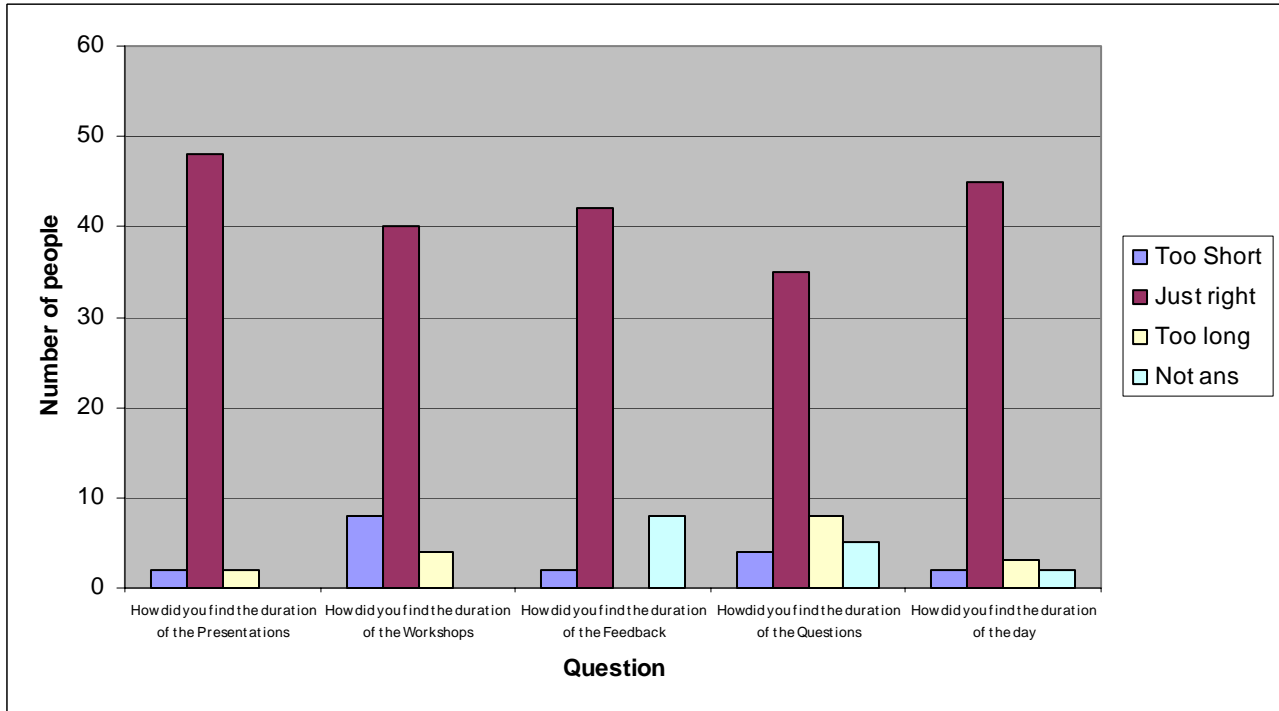
- Delegates felt it important to challenge negative perceptions of the City and transport services provided by expanding the capacity of the transport network to help attract people and businesses into the City

## **5. The longer-term transport strategy for Leicester and Leicestershire – some key questions**

- Following the loss of TIF (Transport Innovation Fund) funding and the Cycle City bid, how can it be ensured that the 6Cs Partnership continues to provide a mechanism to investigate innovative solutions to tackling congestion?
- How realistic is it that the local train network can ensure that the train has a more prominent role in future transport provision in Leicestershire?
- What impact does the housing growth agenda have on existing transport policy and plans and how are local authorities going to meet the transport challenges faced? Have we the strategic focus to lead and shape the growth agenda?
- How can transport policy and strategy become more joined-up across local government boundaries (i.e. City / County / District Council Local Development Frameworks and Core Strategies)?
- How can we ensure stakeholders play a more active role in development and delivery of the longer-term transport strategy for the City and County?
- How can transport policy help meet the economic ambitions for Leicester?

## Summary of attendee feedback

94 attendees were present on the day, representing 42 different organisations. Attendee feedback is summarised below.





## Delegate list

Name		Organisation
Alan	Adcock	Leicester City Council
Ian	Althorpe	David Wilson Homes East Midlands
M	Anderson	Resident
Robert	Bateman	Leicester City Council
Mary	Bedder	Hand in Hand Tenants & Residents Association
Roger	Boby	Glenfield Parish Council
Dermot	Breen	Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce
Viv	Brenchley	Resident
Andy	Brooks	Campaign for Better Transport
Chris	Brown	Harborough District Council
Stephanie	Chapman	CLASP
Rasita	Chudasama	Nottingham City Council
Nigel	Clarke	Leicester City Council
Matt	Cleggat	Opus Joynes Pike
Kerry	Collingwood	Network Rail
Graham	Compton	Leicestershire Constabulary
Rachel	Crookston	GOEM
Mike	Cullington	Pick Everard
John	Dowson	Leicester City Council
Sue	Drummond	Rutland County Council
Ian	Drummond	Leicestershire County Council
David	Eden	Fosse Shopping Park
Wendy	Edwards	Leicestershire Traffic Management Team
Joanne	Eynon	Leicestershire County Council
David	Garney	First Group
Jack	Garratt	Glenfield Parish Council
K	Garratt	Resident
Chris	Geere	Leicestershire County Council
Vijayer	Gowda	Adhar project
Donna	Hall	Leicestershire County Council
Greg	Hartshorn	Steer Davis Gleave
Neil	Harvey	British Waterways
Mike	Hay	Leicestershire County Council
Martin	Hayes	Leicester City Council
Colleen	Hempson	East Midlands Airport
Mike	Hibbitt	Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
Bob	Hind	Arriva Midlands
Terry	Holt	LANRAC & Rail Future
Bob	Holt	Leicester City Council
Phil	Jennings	Croft Parish Council
Tricia	Jessiman	Leicester Green Party
Jay	Kassim	Leicestershire County Council
Andrew	Killip	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Terence	Kirby	Leicester College
Tony	Kirk	Leicestershire County Council
Councillor	Kitterick	Leicester City Council
Ed	Kocik	Leicester City Council
Gerry	Leach	Cyclists Touring Club
Alf	Lloyd	Arriva Midlands
Iain	Macbeth	Resident

Caroline	Mackay	Leicestershire County Council
Clive	Mawby	Croft Parish Council
Stuart	Maxwell	WYG Transport Planning
J	Mays	Birstall Parish Council
Jeff	Miller	Leicester City Council
Ravi	Mohankumar	Leicester City Council
Ian	Murdey	De Montfort University
Anthea	Nicol	Leicester City Council
Imran	Patel	Leicester City Council
Mike	Pepper	Leicester City Council
David	Poxon	Leicester City Council
Chris	Precey	British Horse Society
Karen	Preston	Leicestershire County Council
Chris	Randall	Leicester City Council
G	Roberts	RPS Planning and Development
Stephen	Rothwell	Leicestershire County Council
Cllr	Rushton	Leicestershire County Council
Garry	Scott	Leicester City Council
Gema	Shaw	Leicestershire County Council
Paul	Sheard	Leicestershire County Council
Peter	Small	Crescent Search & Selection
Biddy	Small	Leicestershire County Council
Rob	Thornhill	Blaby District Council
Phil	Toyne	Haymarket Shopping Centre
Martin	Traynor	Leicestershire Chamber
John	Turner	Lutterworth Improvement Partnership
Malcolm	Unsworth	Resident
Ron	Ward	Resident
Ruth	Ward	University Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust
Andrew	Webster	Leicester City Council
Ken	Wells	Resident
Margaret	Wells	Resident
Lee	White	JMP
Mark	Wills	Leicester City Council
Geoff	Wise	Highways Agency
David	Wood	Resident
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