

Transport and Social Exclusion

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The Department's work in context

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- Eddington report
- Government priorities to tackle social exclusion
- New Prime Minister

Re-focus on social exclusion

- Social Exclusion Task Force
- Social Exclusion Action Plan
- Target groups: young adults leaving care, adults leaving prison, adults leaving secondary mental health services, and adults with moderate to severe learning disabilities
- Employment, education or training, and settled accommodation

Department for Transport's role



- Aim – “transport that works for everyone”
- Balancing the needs of the economy, the environment and society
- Strategic objective – “to enhance access to jobs, services and social networks, including for the most disadvantaged”

Who are “the most disadvantaged” areas and people?

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- Peripheral estates, rural areas, seaside towns
- Low income groups
- Disabled people
- Older people with limited mobility
- Some black & minority ethnic groups

Key current DfT policies - part 1

- Accessibility planning
- Improving accessibility for disabled passengers and drivers
- Concessionary fares – older & disabled people
- Road safety
- Bus services, including community transport

Key current DfT policies - part 2

- Personal security
- Equality Duties
- Social research
- Working with other Government Departments

Role of other Government Departments

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Crucial.....

- Location, delivery, quality & availability of services
- Travel horizons
- Low incomes and poor skills
- Childcare availability

Example of potential cross-Government work - travel training

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- Various schemes – mainly targeted at people with learning difficulties
- Benefits for individual
- Cross-sector and value for money benefits
- Future developments

Future DfT work

- Better evidence base. Stakeholder work.
- Social objectives in appraisal systems
- Individualised travel budgets

Future transport challenges

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- Ageing population – disability, aspirations
- Movements of labour & people across the EU
- Role of IT

Conclusions

- Cross-Government issue
- Location, delivery, quality & availability of services
- Evidence and evaluation