



TravelWatch North West Conference The role of community transport

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What is community transport?

“ Local transport provision which is not provided through scheduled bus or rail services, and which is organised on a non-profit making basis by voluntary organisations, community groups and other non-statutory organisations.”

Department for Transport 2005



State of the Sector report



Why is community transport important?

- ‡ Addresses social exclusion
- ‡ Provides responsive services and empowers communities
- ‡ Acts as the “local loop” of the transport system
- ‡ Regeneration of areas



What is the future?





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New Coalition Government

- ‡ Economic climate
- ‡ Big Society
- ‡ Reform of public services



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Need

- ‡ Increasing need
- ‡ Rural disadvantage



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Challenges and opportunities

- ‡ Local Transport Act
- ‡ Local Transport Plans
- ‡ Bus Service Operator's Grant reform
- ‡ Quality Standards



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Hot topics



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The future?



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The future?

- ‡ Local authorities
- ‡ Commercial operators
- ‡ Communities



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Sustainable communities

