

### The 10th Annual Conference

## **School Transport**

## Innovations, efficiencies and revenue streams in times of austerity

Tuesday 24th January 2012, Westminster Studio, London SW1

Speakers include:

### lan Gwenlan

Chair, Association of Transport Co-ordination Officers

### Dan Blanchet

Director,

**Act Travelwise** 

### **Andrew Combes**

Sustainable Travel Co-ordinator, **Dorset County Council** 

### Penny McCart

Transport Services Manager, **Northamptonshire County Council** 

### **Susan Davies**

School Travel Plans Co-ordinator,

Caerphilly County Borough Council

### Sarah Vize

Transport Strategy and Policy Manager, **Hertfordshire County Council** 

### Why you must attend this event:

- Get an insider's briefing from Newcastle City Council on how to make a successful Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid
- Learn how best to 'mine' pupil travel data to highlight expensive routes, emerging trends and vehicle capacity
- **Discover real life success stories** best practice examples from school transport managers in 8 local authorities on how they are reducing costs and sustaining services
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The school transport sector is continuing to face increased demand, increased costs and reduced budgets. The drive to cut costs has been on-going for a few years, and many authorities have already reviewed their operations and delivered significant savings. The perception is that further savings are going to be much harder to find.

As a delegate to the 10th annual School Transport conference, you'll explore truly innovative operational, technical and funding solutions that are helping your peers in local authorities to sustain school transport services for all.

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09:00 Registration, refreshments and exhibition

### **Session One:**

Available on policyreview.tv

### **Setting the scene**

09:45 Welcome and introduction from conference Chair

lan Gwenlan, Chair, Association of Transport Co-ordination Officers

09:50 The future of school transport and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Check website for speaker updates

10:10 Safer, sustainable, affordable school transport: a Local Sustainable Transport Fund Bid

Representative from Newcastle City Council

10:30 Performance monitoring and the removal of travel from the school census: utilising pupil travel data to identify trends, expensive routes and vehicle capacity

Dan Blanchet, Director, Act Travelwise

10:45 Panel and questions:

- What lessons can be learnt so far from the Department for Education's Efficiency and Practice Review?
- How can we keep sustainability high on the agenda without school travel advisors?

Session speakers

11:05 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

#### **Session Two:**



### Efficiency, procurement and planning

11:30 Child Miles: understanding the motives behind parental choice of school and the inevitable cost to school transport

**Andrew Combes,** Sustainable Travel Co-ordinator, Dorset County Council

11:50 Effective contract management: framework agreements, reverse auctions and contract compliance

**Penny McCart,** Transport Services Manager, Northamptonshire County Council

12:10 Driving efficiency through technology: reducing the cost of school and special needs transport whilst improving overall service provision

Dale Howarth, Business Development Director, Logical Transport

12:30 The future of sustainable school travel planning Emma Sheridan, Chair, Modeshift

12:45 Panel Debate:

- How might the introduction of academies impact on demand on school travel?
- What is your organisation doing to increase efficiency and meet budget cuts?

Session speakers

13:10 Buffet lunch, networking and exhibition

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### **Session Three:**

#### **Seminars**

14:00 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the list below. Seminars are designed to be interactive and participatory in nature. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities.

### SEN Transport

Smart procurement and cross boundary arrangements to reduce the cost of SEN transport Check website for speaker updates

Funding independent travel training

Marie Rooney, Independent Travel Advisor,
North Tyneside Council

### Post-16 transport

Reducing the cost of post-16 transport

Lisa Boon, Access Services Manager, Devon County Council

**Damien Jones**, Passenger Services Manager, Devon County Council

Implementing behaviour change techniques to get young people to walk to school or college

Susan Davies, School Travel Plans Co-ordinator, Caerphilly County Borough Council

### The health agenda

School travel, PCTs and better public health

Dene Stevens, Active Travel & Environmental
Sustainability, Sandwell Primary Care Trust

Promotion of Active Travel and the provision of funding from the PCT

Sheridan Piggott, Founder, Choose Cycling

15:00 Questions and discussion

15:10 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

### **Session Four:**



## Best practice, innovation and revenue generation

15:30 Big Society, school empowerment and sustainability: Hertfordshire's school transport plan and efficiency savings

**Sarah Vize,** Transport Strategy and Policy Manager, Hertfordshire County Council

15:50 West Berkshire's School Transport Behaviour Project

**Steve Doel,** Transport Services Officer (Risk Management), West Berkshire Council **John Chapman,** Director, Jonnie Rocket Ltd

16:10 Panel discussion: How do we measure eligibility to ensure efficiency and will the withdrawal or exclusion of transport provision really reduce costs with the need to means test and the threat of appeals and litigation?

Session speakers

16:40 Close of conference

## Attend this conference and discover how your peers are continuing to fund school transport services for all:

- Hear from the Department for Transport on recent and future policy developments
- Explore the outcomes of the Department for Educations' Efficiency and Practice Review of School Transport
- Hear how to achieve safer, sustainable, affordable school transport from a Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid
- Discuss how local authorities can keep sustainability high on the agenda without school travel advisors
- Utilise performance monitoring and pupil travel data to identify trends, expensive routes and vehicle capacity to source efficiencies
- Explore the impact of the removal of travel from the school census
- Examine best practice in contract management including framework agreements, reverse auctions and contract compliance
- Explore the use of technology to reduce fleet sizes and effectively allocate resources whilst still catering for specific needs
- Discuss how to address budgetary cuts and make efficiency savings in school transport
- Discuss how the introduction of academies might impact on the demand and cost of school transport
- Explore the benefits of school empowerment in school travel plans
- Address sustainable solutions to reduced school transport budgets
- Assess the role of the Big Society in delivering school transport
- Explore new revenue streams in school transport
- Discuss whether the withdrawal, or exclusion of transport provision, will reduce costs with the increased need to means test - and the threat of appeals and litigation
- Benefit from hearing best practice on regional successes, good news stories and gain practical information to implement in your day-to-day role through interactive partnership seminars examining key issues on:
  - > Reducing the cost of SEN transport
  - > Funding Independent Travel Training
  - > Reducing the cost of post-16 transport
  - Implementing behaviour change techniques to get post-16's walking or biking to school
  - The health agenda and the role of PCT's in promoting active travel and funding new initiatives
  - > Funding and implementing cycle schemes

#### Who should attend:

#### **Local Government and Agencies:**

- Heads of Transport
- Passenger Transport Managers
- Education Transport Managers
   14.10 Partnership Co. ardinator
- 14-19 Partnership Co-ordinators
- 14-19 Transport and Access Managers
- Learning and Skills Council Councillors with Executive Responsibility for Transport, Environment and Education
- Project Managers Passenger Transport
- Mainstream Transport Managers
- Principal Transport Officers
- SEN Co-ordinators
- Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinators
- Travelwise Officers
- Passenger Transport Executives
- Passenger Transport Authorities
- Parent Partnership ManagersSchool Transport Managers
- School Travel Plan Co-ordinators
- School Travel Advisers
- School Travel Directors
- Access to Learning Managers
- Systems Development Managers

- Public Transport Managers
- Quality Monitoring Managers
- Education Officers
- Transport and Procurement Managers
- Awards and Benefits Managers
- Sustainable Travel Managers
- Children's Services Transport Policy Managers

#### **Schools and Colleges:**

- School Business Managers
- Heads and Deputy Head Teachers
- City Technology Colleges and FE Colleges
- Other 14-19 Diploma Managers

#### Transport sector:

- Bus Operators
- Transport Police
- Transport Consultants
- Community Transport Services
- Rural Transport Groups
- Road Safety Managers
- Business Managers
- Engineering ManagersPR and Marketing Managers
- Sustainable Travel Managers

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