

Summary

The mobility strategy is a key strategy to deliver council duties and strategies that promote equality of opportunity. This position paper is a plan of activity around specific policies and objectives. Having due regard to accessibility in transport is a continuing challenge will require specific policies. Furthermore, the definition of safety must be widened to include the perspective of women and young people.

Detail

This is an action plan for the delivery of key objectives in the Mobility Strategy. “Mobility” includes all forms of transportation contributing to a number of key Council priorities and duties. Our Council Plan vision is:

- A healthy city - where people are safe, choose to walk or cycle and encouraged to use alternatives to the car
- A city of opportunity – where renewed partnerships, improved infrastructure and smarter choices open up new ways to travel
- An affordable city – where smarter travel choices, improved accessibility and targeted innovation help people and businesses thrive.

Children and young people share many of the concerns and criticisms of public transport expressed by adults. Their issues often relate to their transition from dependence to independence, as transport plays an important role at particular ‘trigger points’ such as the move from primary to secondary school, and the move from education to employment. Child poverty is a council priority and this action plan could address issues more directly.

Safety is defined in basic terms in the plan. In responding with feedback women say they want:

- safer travel
- reliable taxis and mini-cabs especially at night
- good lighting and visibility, and CCTV cameras on the Redways

Mobility strategies are only successful for people with disabilities if properly implemented, so it is important to set out a clear programme of monitoring and evaluation and a new governance framework to ensure we hold ourselves to account.