

**West of England Partnership  
Joint Scrutiny Committee  
12 December 2008**

## **Local Transport Act**

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Committee consider the opportunities provided by the Local Transport Act which secured Royal Assent on 26 November 2008.

### **Background**

2. The Local Transport Act provides new measures for running bus services and the transfer of road and rail powers. The following partners have been invited to speak and have confirmed their attendance to give their advice and views to assist the Committee in considering the opportunities provided by the Act.

Louise Harrison, Head of Regional Transport, Government Office for the South West  
Justin Davies, Managing Director, First Bristol  
Mike Carroll, Stakeholder Manager Bristol, First Great Western

### **List of Issues to Consider**

- Statutory Quality Partnerships for buses – timings, frequencies and maximum fares.
- Quality Contracts – new powers for franchising the bus network.
- Changes to community transport – implications.
- Strengthened role of the Traffic Commissioners.
- New role of Passenger Focus as bus passenger watchdog.
- Road user charging – implications of new powers.
- Potential transfer of strategic roads, rail and local highway powers
- New Governance.
- Role of the Joint Transport Committee in all of the above.

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