

TITAN Members Working Group Meeting

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Progress Report

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Consultation Summary

Roadshow events were held in 56 locations across the county in May and June. Attendance was higher than anticipated with nearly 800 people engaging in these consultation events. Attendees included around twenty County Councillors and a similar number of District/Parish Councillors.

A lot of positive feedback was received and, where possible, the network planning team will try to accommodate any proven identified needs within the planning of new services providing this can be done within the parameters of the project criteria.

A fuller report on the Roadshow events is appended for information.

Network Planning

Revised bus networks are currently being developed taking into account the feedback received from recent TITAN Roadshow events. The network planning Lead Officer will attend the Project Board meeting to explain the options available for consideration.

There are some issues still to be worked through in respect of adult social care transport, in particular the service needs and specification. Recent structural changes in Transport and Travel Services will lend to more integrated management and control of this transport service area ie internal Fleet Operations now forms part of the Transport Operations team therefore all transport requests, journey planning and delivery are dealt with in one team rather than being split across two.

ITT (Independent Travel Training)

The delivery stage of ITT began following approval by Transport & Highways committee in March.

We set a target of introducing the programme into 6 educational establishments in the first academic year (2013/14). This target has been met and we are working with the following establishments to prepare them for delivering ITT in September:

- Foxwood Academy (and Project Search)

- Bracken Hill School
- Newark Orchard School
- Derrymount School
- Fountaindale School
- West Notts College

Other organisations/establishments committed to delivering the programme or exploring the potential to do so are:

- Caudwell House residential unit
- NORSACA (Autism Association)
- Guide Dogs Association
- Mencap
- MySpace (NCC Young People with Disabilities Youth Service)
- NCC Community Learning Programmes
- Derbyshire County Council

Around 50 trainers have already been fully trained in the delivery of the programme and further training sessions are scheduled for September. One school alone has identified 32 pupils suitable to take part in the programme from September.

This is an excellent start but we must ensure that we carefully manage implementation as we need to be able to provide the consistent support that establishments will need in their first year of delivery. With only one dedicated member of staff in this coming academic year it is important that we achieve the right balance of promoting the programme and quality assuring the delivery of it.

CFCS staff have been most helpful throughout the process to date and are key to the promotion and uptake of the programme. A number of staff have already attended training sessions to aid their fuller understanding of it. Team work is crucial to the successful delivery and the expertise of CFCS staff in the area of special needs will help in breaking down some of the barriers that are often raised when dealing with such vulnerable people. The ITT Workstream Group brings together the skills, knowledge and expertise required to steer this service forward. The current membership of this group includes representatives from CFCS, ASCH and TTS.

Procurement

A new Framework agreement for the procurement of services has been developed and implemented in conjunction with the corporate Procurement Team.