

Devon Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 – Panel Hearings

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Issues / Concerns

- 71% of users of the scheme have been able to provide themselves with transport allowing themselves to stay in rural communities.
- There is a high dependency of children post -16 to rely on parental transport. This has been proven to contribute to social problem within households.
- All the schemes in Devon provide accessibility for disabled people. Only one other scheme in the country does this.
- Regional Development Agency is a critical funder.
- Each individual on the scheme receives a custom made transport package.
- Every single person has an individual plan.
- Facilitators work closely with employers. They state that transport is a consideration to employers every time when receiving applications.
- “The last bus leaves when the night club opens”. Public Transport cannot be sufficiently flexible to cater for individual needs.

Recommendations

- Would like W2W to be available in every district across the country. Would like a situation where everyone in Devon is given the same opportunity.
- Would like Devon County Council to employ a County Coordinator.
- “Applying for funding is a beauty contest”. A coordinator could help in the submission of bids.

Number One Recommendation

- Employ a County Co-ordinating officer.