

Tiverton and District Community Transport Association (TDCTA)

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Key Issues Highlighted:-

1. Growth

Originally TDCTA was established to help fulfil the transport needs (through voluntary car schemes) of the frail, elderly and displaced in the Tiverton area. Since this time TDCTA has expanded to include the rurally isolated and now provide a greater number and variety of services throughout the Devon area.

2. Status Today

Today TDCTA turns over £200,000 a year and have nine staff and 40 volunteers.

3. Core Funding

Without guaranteed core funding new services and Ideas cannot be implemented. The future of CTAs is insecure due to lack of reliable funding into the future. Uncertainty surrounding core-funding bodies such as the Countryside Agency contributes to this.

4. Business Planning

Without guaranteed core funding, planning for the future is becoming increasingly difficult.

5. Communication with DCC

The TDCTA and DCC are strongly linked. Thus any changing policy of DCC has a direct influence on the operations of the TDCTA. This communication is vital in order for the TDCA to carry out adequate preparation.

Recommendations For The Next DLTP (2006-2011)

1. Level Of Commitment

At least the same level of commitment in the next DLTP (2006-2011) as in the current DLTP (2001-2006).

2. Core Funding

Commitment by DCC to funding established schemes into the future.

3. Development Funding

The allocation of Development funding is vital for the creation and implementation of new projects.

4. Capital Funding

Capital funding is required for replacing new vehicles

5. Communication

Better co-ordination between the County Council and the TDCTA.

Handouts

The following handouts was circulated by Julie Wooley:-

- **Devon Local Transport Plan**

Panel Discussion:-

- Due to the ageing population and the growth in the uptake of schemes run by the TDCTA, any expansion of schemes will be taken up.
- There is a certain amount of restriction on the Ring and Ride services, where it is appropriate they are being replaced by fare cars.

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- The TDCTA do receive funding from the Parish councils. However funding varies greatly and is not a reliable source of income.
- The TDCTA cannot pick up general members of the public only those who fit criteria e.g. rurally isolated.
- The County Council is responsible for insurance/public liability.
- A large number of services are focused on Tiverton where as TDCTA has no services in Tiverton Parkway.
- Community Transport needs to be given a prominent status in the next LTP in order for it to continue to be successful.