

**Regional Transport Partnership Contribution to Sustainable Development 2005/06**  
**Regional Sustainable Development Framework – Policy Partnership Checklist**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Has the Partnership's work contributed?</b>	<b>Comments: how/why not? Any particular barriers or challenges to sustainable outcomes? Opportunities for further contributions in the next 12 months?</b>
<b>Developing thriving sustainable communities:</b>		
Ensuring easy and equitable access to services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality, background or location	Yes	Promoted Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), including Policy T5 "Public Transport".  RTP is not responsible for delivery.
Enabling communities to participate in the decisions that affect their neighbourhoods and quality of life	No	Not within RTP remit
Addressing poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantage	No	Not within RTP remit

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Improving health and reducing health inequalities by encouraging and enabling healthy lifestyles as well as protecting health and providing health services	Yes	Embarked on working relationship with Regional Health Partnership  Promoted Regional Transport Strategy, including Policy T3 "Walking and Cycling"  RTP is not responsible for delivery.
Providing decent and affordable housing for all, of the right quantity, type, tenure and affordability for local needs, in clean, safe and pleasant local environments	No	Not within RTP remit
Reducing crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour	No	Not within RTP remit
Improving opportunities to participate in the diverse cultural and recreational activities the West Midlands can offer	No	Not within RTP remit

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Encouraging physical development with a better balance of jobs, housing and services within each part of the Region in order to meet local needs locally and encourage stable and sustainable integrated communities	Yes	Worked closely with partners to respond to the Government's Regional Funding Allocations (RFA) requirement to advise on aligning decisions for transport, housing and economic development. Provided support for public transport improvements in the Black Country  RTP is not responsible for delivery
<b>Enhancing and protecting the environment:</b>		
Valuing, enhancing and protecting the Region's environmental assets, including the natural and built environment and the historic environment	Yes	Sought to ensure that RFA Transport Priority process considered protection of environmental assets  RTP is not responsible for delivery
Valuing, enhancing and protecting regional biodiversity	Yes	Ensured that RFA Transport Priority process considered protection of environmental assets  RTP is not responsible for delivery
Land use and development that optimises the use of previously developed land and buildings and creates high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity, promote local distinctiveness and sense of place, and are well-designed	No	Not within RTP remit

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Local stewardship of local environments	No	Not within RTP remit
Minimising air, water and soil pollution levels	No	Not within RTP remit
Minimising the Region's contribution to the causes of climate change whilst implementing a managed response to its unavoidable impacts	Yes	Promoted modal shift towards public transport and walking and cycling through the Regional Transport Allocations  RTP is not responsible for delivery
<b>Using natural resources prudently and efficiently:</b>		
Reducing overall energy use through increasing energy efficiency, and increasing the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources	No	Not within RTP remit

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Using natural resources such as water and minerals efficiently	No	Not within RTP remit
Promoting and ensuring high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design, construction and maintenance of buildings	No	Not within RTP remit
Ensuring the location of development makes efficient use of existing physical infrastructure and helps reduce need to travel, especially by private car	Yes	Promoted Regional Transport Strategy, including Policy T1 "Developing Accessibility and Mobility within the Region to Support the Spatial Strategy" and T2 "Reducing the Need to Travel"  RTP is not responsible for delivery
Increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking and reducing road traffic congestion and pollution	Yes	Promoted Regional Transport Strategy, including Policy T3 "Walking and Cycling", T5 "Public Transport", T6 "Strategic Park & Ride", and T8 "Demand Management"  RTP is not responsible for delivery

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Encouraging and enabling waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and recovery to divert resources away from the waste stream	No	Not within RTP remit
Encouraging local sourcing of goods and materials	No	Not within RTP remit
Rewarding efficient resource use and encouraging development of alternative and renewable resources where resources are likely to become depleted	No	Not within RTP remit
<b>Developing a flourishing, diverse and stable regional economy:</b>		
Achieving sustainable economic growth and prosperity for the benefit of all the Region's inhabitants	No	Not within RTP remit

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Creating high quality employment opportunities suited to the changing needs of the local workforce, whilst recognising the value and contribution of unpaid work	No	Provided support for the Black Country Study, the M54-M6 link, and Metro extension proposals.
Promoting investment in future prosperity	Yes	Sought to secure investment in the Region's transport infrastructure through the RFA process  RTP is not responsible for delivery
Encouraging ongoing investment and engagement in learning and skills development	No	Not within RTP remit
Encouraging a culture of enterprise and innovation	No	Not within RTP remit

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Promoting and supporting the development of new technologies, especially those with high value and low impact	No	Not within RTP remit
Encouraging corporate social and environmental responsibility, with regional organisations and agencies leading by example	Yes	Promotes partnership working and corporate social responsibility with regional organisations

**Synopsis of RTP's Role/Remit**

The Transport Partnership holds the policy lead responsibility for Transport.

Supports and advises the Assembly in achieving its role as the regional lead for partnership working.

Works into and at the direction of the Regional Planning Partnership, leading on the Regional Transport Strategy and brokering a consensus around key regional transport issues.

Takes responsibility to proactively drive forward the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of the regions strategic transport priorities, ensuring wider partner engagement in the process.

Provides a coherent regional voice and 'champion' for the transport policy agenda, including where necessary lobbying for the interests of the Region in debates on National and European policy.

Ensures close co-operation and effective communication primarily with the work of the Planning Partnership and Planning Executive but also with the other Partnership groups.

Provides a 'meeting place' where issues and concerns can be raised by all parties/partners in an open, transparent and inclusive way.

Develops positive relationships with sub-regional groupings of partners.