

## AT A GLANCE

### *Transport and Connectivity*

#### Definition

The Egan Review outlines a number of components that are required to enable communities to be sustainable. The Review states that one component of sustainable communities is effective transport and connectivity. In particular, the Egan Review outlines the importance of good transport and communication that links people to jobs, schools, health and other services.

The Egan Review identifies a number of key issues that transport and connectivity policy and practice should address to support the development of sustainable communities. These are:

- Transport facilities that help people travel within and between communities
- Facilities that encourage safe local walking and cycling
- Accessible and appropriate local parking facilities
- Widely available and effective telecommunications and internet access

The Review includes indicators to benchmark the extent to which transport provision successfully contributes to the development of sustainable communities. These include measurement of how easy residents find it to access services, the percentage of users satisfied with local authority provided district transport services and the percentage of dwellings within a postcode area with access to ADSL broadband.

#### How is the Egan theme reflected in IGNITE?

“Transport and Connectivity” is one of the key themes within IGNITE. Within this theme there are number of sub-themes. These are:

- **Air and Water Transport**

Policy and practice focusing on air travel and maritime related issues. Includes port and airport policy, passenger policy, policy and practice relating to cargo, inland waterways and related health and safety policy.

- **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**

This sub-theme focuses on policy, practice relating to the use of computers and other electrical equipment to communicate, manage, store transmit and receive information. Includes policy and practice relating to the management telecommunications, internet services and associated issues of accessibility.

- **Library and Information Services**

Policy and practice relating to library and information services (including availability and accessibility of provision).

- **Media and the Press**

Policy and practice relating to radio and the print media.

- **Public and Community Transport**

Policy and practice relating mainly to bus and train services and transport for those requiring specific provision (for example the elderly, school children or those with additional needs). Includes a focus on provision delivered by the private sector, public sector and voluntary/community/not-for-profit sector. Community transport focuses on provision provided by the voluntary sector and communities themselves, rather than by private operators or via public bodies.

- **Road and Rail Transport**

Policy and practice relating to all forms of road and rail transport, including policy frameworks and their implementation for train, bus, goods traffic and private transport. Includes a focus on issues such as rail franchising policy, performance monitoring and safety policy.

- **Traffic Management**

This sub-theme includes a focus on policy and practice designed to proactively manage traffic including congestion charging, parking regimes, no car lanes, park and ride schemes and initiatives to reduce the number of cars in city centre areas.

- **Transport Infrastructure**

Policy, practice and initiatives relating to the planning and delivery of transport infrastructure projects. This includes a focus on issues such as maintenance of existing or renewal of; roads, motorways, railways, airports and ports.

- **Transport Planning**

This sub-theme focuses on policies and activities relating to mapping future travel patterns, travel needs and work relating to local and regional travel plans.

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