

## Disabled Transport Consultative Group (DISTRANS)

Minutes of the Inaugural meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 10am held at The North West Resource Centre, Dumfries

### **Present**

Robert Allan-Policy Officer DG Voice  
Stuart Burns- Dumfries and Galloway Police, Dumfries.  
Heather Hall-Development Manager- DG Voice  
Michael McDonald-Traffic Management Officer  
Russell Wears-Principle Engineer DGC  
Ann Wilson -Treasurer DGVoice

### **Apologies**

Peter Ingram-Monk Chairperson Access Panel  
Ian Walker Development Manager Accessible Transport Forum

### **Group remit**

Discussion took place about the context of development and expected outcomes. Moving on from the successful campaign to rescind blue badge charging policy DGVoice in discussion with other stakeholders had agreed there was a need to work together to promote an equitable transport system which will enable disabled people to live learn and work on an equal basis. The remit will encompass all aspects of transport for disabled people and by extension, all D&G residents.

**ACTION** at the next meeting the group will agree the remit

Draft Remit -To be a stakeholder consultative group for transport and road safety in Dumfries and Galloway and operate as a conduit for representation and consultation between disabled people and policy makers.

**ACTION** group members will consider who needs to be included in the group. Robert Allan policy Officer DGVoice will approach David Brydon Ops Manager NHS.

### **Group name**

Discussion took place about the name based on the draft remit of the group

**ACTION** at the next meeting the group should agree the name

Draft name – Disabled Transport Consultative group ( Distrans)

## **Disabled Persons Parking Places Act, Local Transport Strategy and Dumfries Parking Strategy Dumfries**

Russell gave an overview of the Act and the development of the Parking Strategy in D&G including issues around disabled parking in Dumfries and enforceability of disabled parking bays on public, NHS and private grounds.

**Action** Russell will feedback DG Voice members view that whilst recognising the resource restrictions imposed on councils that all disabled parking places should be enforceable.

### **Disabled parking issues**

Robert outlined a case brought to the groups attention by Councillor Witts. This was discussed and Russell advised that the parking area described was on a road that is un-adopted and is therefore the responsibility of DGHP.

### **Frequency of Meetings**

This was discussed in relation to regular and adhoc meetings

**Agreed** The group will meet quarterly and on an ad hoc basis as required to respond to policy and strategy development and where direct consultation with disabled peoples groups is required

Date of next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011