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I am responding: on behalf of an organisation

Is your response confidential? If so, please explain why (see Appendix 1 "Confidentiality of Consultations – Freedom of Information Act 2000").
No.

Provision is made throughout this questionnaire for you to provide additional comments. If, however, you wish to provide more detailed comments on any aspect of the consultation, please feel free to append additional materials and supplementary documents, clearly marked and cross-referenced to the relevant questions, as necessary.

Questions on Detailed Policy Proposals

Question 1 (page 15)

Do you agree that the Department should have the necessary authority to implement the Rapid Transit proposals?

Yes No

Comments:

Unable to comment until the implementation details are better known

Question 2 (page 16)

Do you agree that the Department should take land acquisition powers for the implementation of the Rapid Transit system?

Yes No

Comments:

No comment. This is a matter of social and political policy.

Question 3 (page 16)

Do you agree that the Department should have the power to purchase, lease and dispose of goods, services and facilities for the Rapid Transit system?

Yes **No**

Comments:

Not a Police issue.

Question 4 (page 17)

Do you agree that a performance-based contract should be introduced for the operation of the Rapid Transit system?

Yes **No**

Comments:

Not a Police issue.

Question 5 (page 18)

Do you agree that the Department should be responsible for:

- specifying Rapid Transit service requirements, quality-of-service and the fare levels;
- awarding the Rapid Transit contract; and
- monitoring and reporting on Rapid Transit operator performance?

Yes **No**

Comments:

Not a Police issue

Question 6 (page 18)

What are your views on the proposal to offer financial incentives to the Rapid Transit operator to grow the Rapid Transit market, introduce innovation and improve services?

Comments:

Not a Police issue

Question 7 (page 20)

Do you agree with the proposed powers to regulate passenger conduct on Rapid Transit Vehicles and in/on Rapid Transit premises?

Yes No

Comments:

This proposal reflects current practise on railways

Question 8 (page 21)

Do you agree that the dedicated public transport corridors on which Rapid Transit operates should be strictly enforced?

Yes No

Comments:

The consequence of non-enforcement would clearly be chaos. The decriminalising of certain road traffic offences and the use of bus mounted cameras to record evidence of infringements would minimise the impact on policing services.

Question 9 (page 21)

Do you agree with the proposed powers for the Department to install, operate and maintain off-board ticketing machines?

Yes No

Comments:

Please make any further comments on the Detailed Policy Proposals here, ensuring that you clearly refer to any relevant questions or responses submitted above.

The overall aims and Integrated Strategy of the RTS have the potential to bring benefit to the City of Belfast however the impact of the segregated bus lanes will have obvious ramifications for the Police Service in terms of traffic disruption and enforcement of road traffic legislation. Some knowledge of the detailed plans and time scales will be therefore necessary before the full impact can be assessed.

The decriminalisation of moving traffic offences and features such as the 'self-policing' bus lane cameras in use in London will go some way to providing effective enforcement of bus lanes and release police officers from 'non-core' policing functions. Consideration will also be given to any proposed 'Park 'n' Ride' locations and construction sites with regard to attendant crime.

I suggest that a single point of contact is established with the PSNI Roads Policing Unit in order to maintain continuity of contact and as wide ranging consideration as possible for the Policing Districts concerned.

Questions on Integrated Impact Assessment

In considering these questions you should bear in mind that it is proposed that a further Integrated Impact Assessment screening exercise will be undertaken prior to the implementation phase of the Rapid Transit project.

Question 1

Do you have any views on the Integrated Impact Assessment Screening conclusion reached by the Department?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 2

Are there any particular equality issues that need to be considered in relation to the policy proposals contained in the Detailed Policy Proposals booklet?

Yes No

Comments:

Comments on Equality Screening

We welcome your comments on any aspect of the draft equality screening document. Please bear in mind that it is proposed that a further screening exercise will be undertaken prior to the implementation phase of the Rapid Transit project.

Comments: