

## EQIA Submission – ID Number

### Section A

**EQIA Title**

National Bus Strategy - BSIP Funding Tranche 2

**Responsible Officer**

Dan Bruce - GT TRA

### Type of Activity

**Service Change**

No

**Service Redesign**

No

**Project/Programme**

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**Commissioning/Procurement**

No

**Strategy/Policy**

No

**Details of other Service Activity**

No

### Accountability and Responsibility

**Directorate**

Growth Environment and Transport

**Responsible Service**

Highways & Transportation

**Responsible Head of Service**

Philip Lightowler - GT TRA

**Responsible Director**

Haroona Chughtai - GT TRA

### Aims and Objectives

Following submission of KCC's BSIP in October 2021, KCC was allocated £35.1m for delivery of its Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). Tranche 1 of this funding was offered and accepted in March 2023 and has led to the delivery of an accelerated delivery programme over 23/24 financial year. DfT are now offering the balance of Kent's initial allocation and KCC is proposing to accept this to support the initiatives within its BSIP, it should be noted that the flexibility of use of the funding is restricted by DfT for particular initiative areas including Bus Priority and Fares & Ticketing programmes.

Aims for the acceptance of Tranche 2 funding are:

- Deliver the elements of the BSIP which were earmarked within the £35.1m planned initiatives.
- React as much as possible with regards to the current state of the bus industry within Kent.
- Deliver the programme to deadlines and requirements set by the DfT.

The BSIP is intended to introduce enhancements to the bus provision and infrastructure within the county. The delivery of these measures would be expected to see a medium - high positive benefit. Where appropriate, individual EQIAs will be completed for the appropriate initiative areas within the programme.

### Section B – Evidence

**Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?**

Yes

<b>It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?</b>
Yes
<b>Is there national evidence/data that you can use?</b>
No
<b>Have you consulted with stakeholders?</b>
Yes
<b>Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?</b>
Tranche 2 funding submission relates back fully to feedback from stakeholders in the BSIP survey from 2021. This feedback has followed through the funding initiative programme for 24/25.
To support the usage profile and acceptance of Tranche 2, engagement sessions have been undertaken with the Enhanced Partnership Board, Enhanced Partnership Schemes Monitoring Groups, District Councils, Operator reps and KCC officers within Highways & Transportation, Strategic Commissioning, Finance and Corporate Communications.
<b>Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?</b>
Yes
<b>Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?</b>
Yes
<b>Section C – Impact</b>
<b>Who may be impacted by the activity?</b>
<b>Service Users/clients</b> Service users/clients
<b>Staff</b> No
<b>Residents/Communities/Citizens</b> Residents/communities/citizens
<b>Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?</b>
Yes
<b>Details of Positive Impacts</b>
Acceptance in BSIP Tranche 2 will result delivery in a number of initiatives which have the potential to deliver real benefits to all bus users across the county. Also potential to encourage greater use of buses from people who may have seen barriers to bus use e.g cost or reliability. With more usage of buses across Kent, it will also have the positive impact with regards to bringing down emissions.
<b>Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions</b>
<b>19.Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for age?</b>
No
<b>Details of negative impacts for Age</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating Actions for Age</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age</b>
Not Applicable
<b>20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Disability?</b>
No
<b>Details of Negative Impacts for Disability</b>

Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Disability</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Disability</b>
Not Applicable
<b>21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sex</b>
No
<b>Details of negative impacts for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Race</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable

<b>26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Applicable