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Environment Transport and Planning Committee,  
National Assembly For Wales,  
Cardiff Bay,  
Cardiff.  
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Dear Sirs,

### **POLICY REVIEW OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The North Wales Economic Forum Transport Panel ( TAITH ), has considered the above consultation document and would endorse the response submitted by the Welsh Local Government Association. In addition the Forum would wish to emphasise the progress that has been made within the region towards meeting the aspirations of the Environment, Planning and Transport Committee to enhance the standard of public transport in Wales.

Where funding has been made available, imaginative and effective action has been taken to improve the region's public transport network. For example:

- The Quality Bus Partnerships in the Deeside and Saltney areas of Flintshire have seen increases in patronage of up to 22%.
- Gwynedd have developed pioneering rural quality partnerships throughout their area.
- Conwy and Denbighshire have worked together to improve bus infrastructure between Llandudno and Rhyl.
- Conwy and Gwynedd have co-operated to improve services between Caernarfon and Llandudno.
- Wrexham have made considerable improvements to the bus stop infrastructure throughout their area.
- Isle of Anglesey have developed a quality partnership with their major operator which has delivered improvements in quality and frequency.

The TAITH Transport Grant bid to enhance public transport across North Wales would continue this process if successful.

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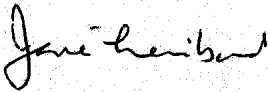
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In respect of rail services, a close working relationship has been created between TAITH and the Train Operating Companies who serve the region which has resulted in a number of station improvement schemes being implemented and which enables a close dialogue on issues of mutual importance.

The Forum is therefore confident that its members can deliver the Assembly's agenda within the existing structure if the necessary resources are forthcoming.

We would apologise for responding after the deadline but trust that our views will be taken into account.

Yours faithfully,  
For and on behalf of TAITH,



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