



# Campaigning for Change:

A Manifesto for Community Transport

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- What is it?
- Why is it needed?
- Why now?
- What's in it?
  1. Modernisation and Reform
  2. Volunteering for All
  3. Fair Funding
  4. Climate Action
  5. Health & Social Care





# 1. Modernisation and Reform

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## **What is this about?**

Looking at the regulation and legislation currently holding CT back and how we can change this to maximise the sectors potential.

## **An example of the key asks:**

- Consider modernising the governance and regulation of the Community Transport sector.
- Grant category B licence holders to D1 entitlement.
- Invest in the data and digital capacity and infrastructure of CT.
- Reform public procurement, ensuring parity for CT bidding for contracts.



# 2. Volunteering for All

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## What is this about?

Community Transport relies on volunteers; however, they are becoming more challenging to find for a range of reasons. We are asking for various changes to encourage more people to volunteer.

## An example of the key asks:

- Ensure volunteering is accessible, affordable and attractive for everyone.
- Conduct a fair, transparent and regular review of AMAP.
- Launch a UK-wide campaign to promote, recognise and value volunteering.







# 3. Fair Funding

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## What is this about?

Short-term and fragmented sources of income have created a funding treadmill for Community Transport operators. The sector needs fair multi-year funding, accounting for inflation and the increasing need for accessible transport services.

## An example of the key asks:

- Deliver fair, long-term and secure funding for the Community Transport sector
- Guarantee ring-fenced funding from the Northern Ireland Executive for the Rural Community Transport Partners (RCTPs)
- Facilitate the Community Transport sector to access existing revenue funding over grant funding, particularly local authority and Health Authority contracted services.



# 4. Climate Action

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## What is this about?

Climate change is not a future issue. It is now. Community Transport sector can and will be part of the solution. Its role in modal shift and shift to EV is essential, but external investment is needed.

## An example of the key asks:

- Scale-up investment to close the net zero funding gap in Community Transport.
- Expand the UK's EV charging network across urban, rural and island communities.
- Set a national target for reducing private car use in England





# 5. Health & Social Care

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## **What is this about?**

Community Transport helps people to live happier, healthier and more independent lives for longer. CT's role in non-emergency patient transport is essential. However, it is often delivered without funding from Government or Health.

## **An example of the key asks:**

- Invest in CT to tackle isolation and loneliness.
- Deliver a joined-up, strategic approach to non-emergency patient transport, backed by stable funding and partnership working
- Create Transport Coordinator roles to ensure affordable, fair and sustainable access to NHS



# Discussion!

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- What are your thoughts?
- Priority Areas -
  - Modernisation and Reform
  - Volunteering for All
  - Fair Funding
  - Climate Action
  - Health and Social





# What can we do, as a movement, with the Manifesto?

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- How can it be used?
- What role can members play?
- What do you think?





Got more to say?

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