

# **Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee 25 May 2011**

## **Community Transport**

1. Update on current provision;
2. Consider member involvement in future Community Transport policy development.



# Value of community transport

- Meets specific needs of important minority
- Reduces isolation
- Impacts on health care
- Fills gaps in public transport provision
- Reducing bus subsidy grant



# Current provision

## Background

- Oxfordshire untypical
- Patchy provision
- No overarching strategy
- Gaps in overall offer



# Current provision

1. **Dial-a-Ride** (for disabled & mobility-impaired)
  - Octabus – Oxford City, Vale and West Oxfordshire
  - Cherwell dial-a-ride (BCTA)
  - South Oxon – no provision



# Current provision

## 2. Volunteer services

- Minibus volunteer groups
- Car schemes



# Current provision

ORCC role – Training  
minibus drivers &  
supporting car  
schemes

OCC role: – ITU  
- ‘OXTAIL’



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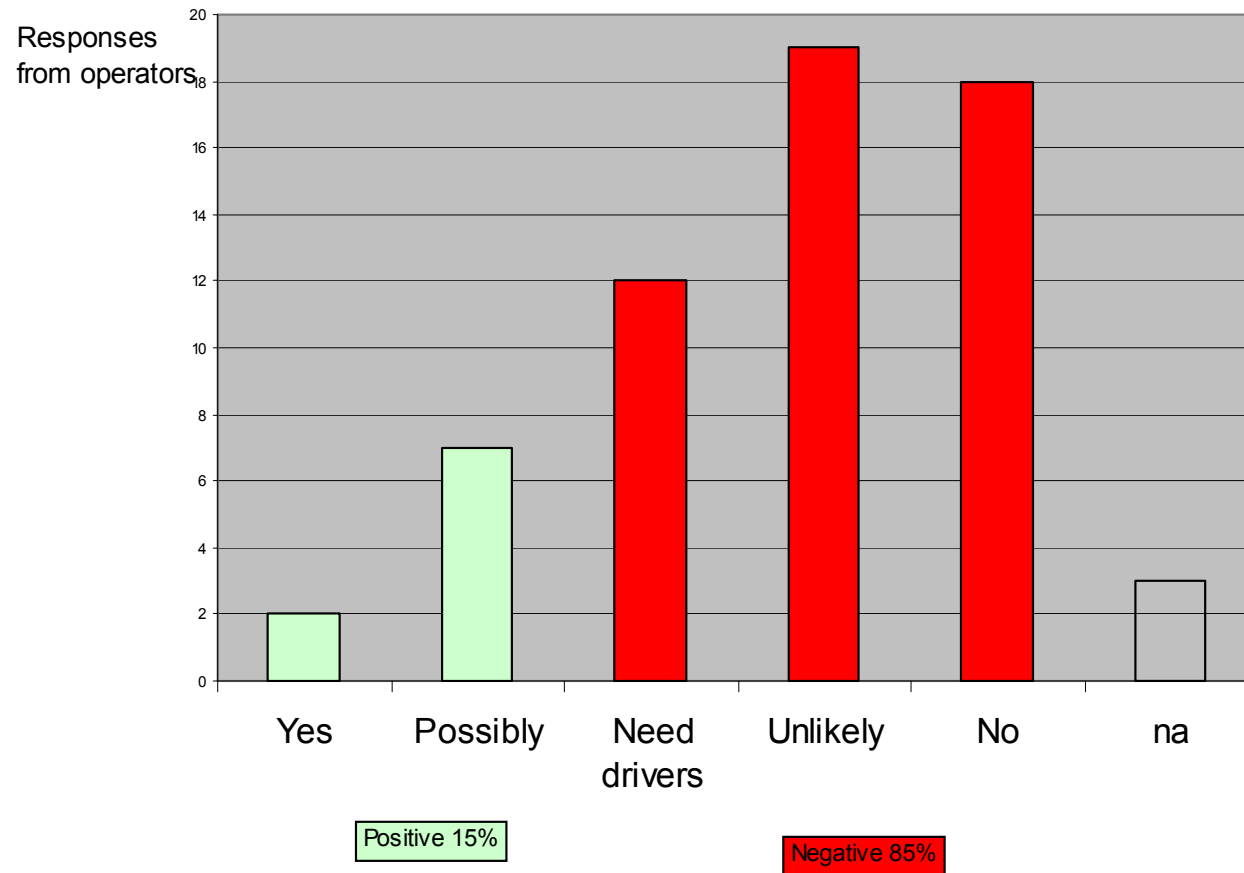
# Issues

- In decline/lack of volunteers



# Issues

## Community Transport - Are schemes capable of expansion?



Source: ORCC Healthcheck - October 2010



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# Issues

- Wishes of local groups
- Disparate funding
- Self-directed care
- Increasing elderly population



# Current opportunities

- £279,356 grant
- £2,600 CTA consultancy support
- ITU fleet operation
- Big society



# Where do we want to get to?

- Overarching community transport policy
- Action plan and programme to enable implementation



# What next?

- Community transport project & team
- Help of members needed
- CTA support
- Research best practice elsewhere
- Work with district councils/users
- Implement strategy



# Questions and discussion on way forward

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