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### North Area Committee 13 June 2019

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### **Greater Cambridge Partnership**

- 1. Update on Choices for Better Journeys
- 2. Wider project update
- 3. Questions













### **Choices for Better Journeys**

**Engagement Results** 



5,144 respondents to the survey



36%

of respondents started their journey within Cambridge, with others coming from further afield



Most respondents were of working age & nearly

three quarters travelled to work as their most frequent Cambridge journey



People ranked pollution

charge **(44%)** and flexible

charge **(36%)** first or second to deliver improved public transport



82%



Supported the vision to significantly improve public transport

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### A reliable and frequent

service scored highest for the most important elements of a public transport network



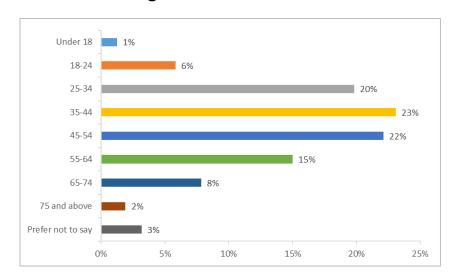




## Respondent Demographics

 5,144 respondents, with a slightly higher proportion of respondents of working ages

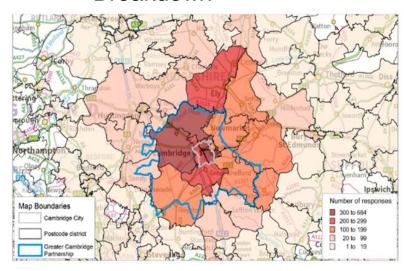
Age Breakdown



Produced by the Cambridgeshire Research Group



### Geographical Breakdown



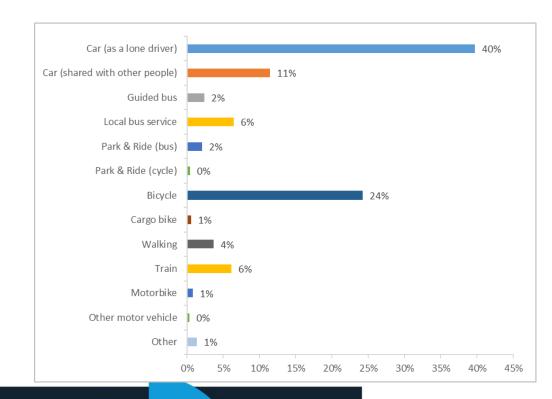
 Broad geographic spread of responses, 36% of respondents started their journey from a Cambridge postcode

## Respondents Travel

 Nearly three quarters of respondents (73%) were travelling to work as their primary journey.

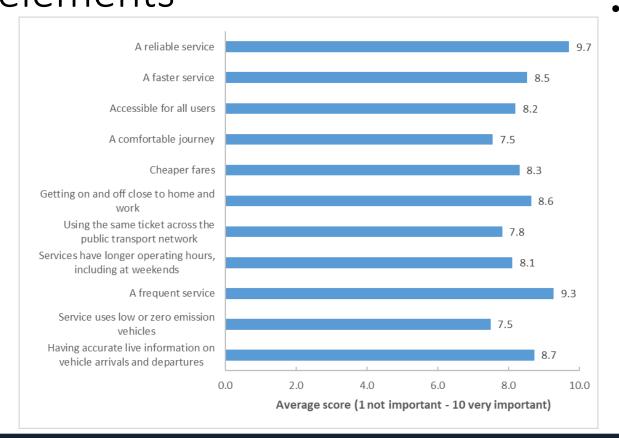
 Over half (51%) were traveling by car and just under a quarter (24%) were travelling by bicycle.

#### Main mode of travel





Importance of public transport network elements



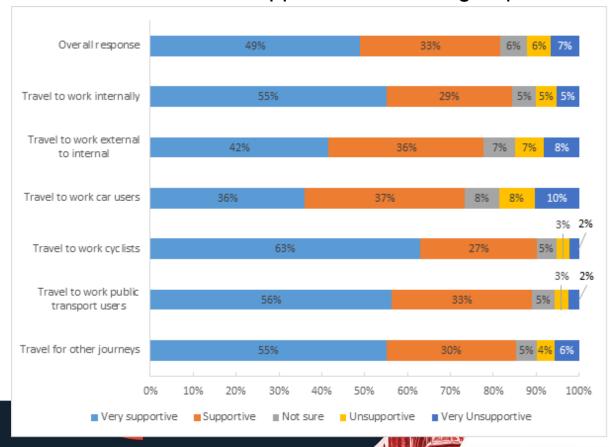
 The elements of a transformed public transport network which were most important to respondents were a reliable and frequent service.



## Support for the GCP Vision

 82% of respondents supported\* the vision to significantly improve public transport

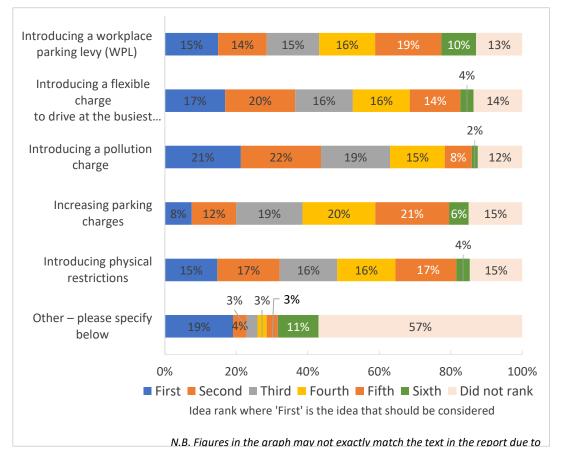
#### Variation in support for different groups





<sup>\*</sup> Very supportive plus supportive

### Public transport improvement funding ideas



#### Of those that answered:

(287 respondents skipped the ranking)

- 81% chose one of the options as a first choice.
- A pollution charge and flexible charging for road use were the most popular funding ideas being ranked as either first or second choice by 44% and 36% of respondents respectively.
- 19% chose other ideas as their first choice. These included boosting usage (and consequently revenue) by improving public transport (including Park & Ride provision) or utilising existing taxation streams.



## Key messages from the comments

Respondents consistently felt improvements needed to be made to public transport so that people had a viable alternative to driving.

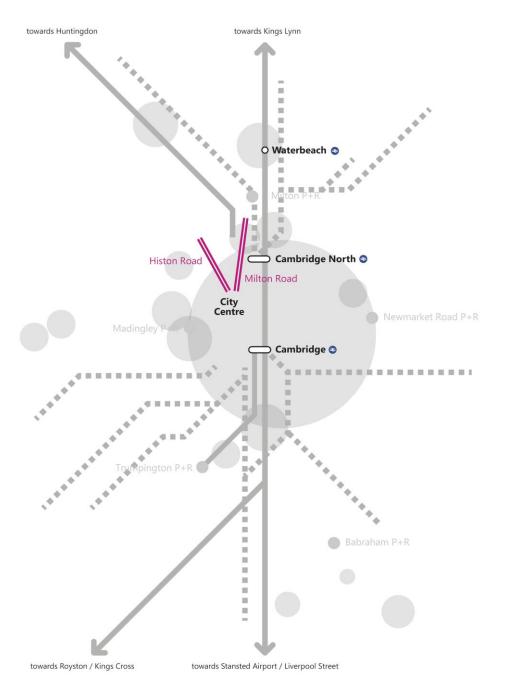
If **parking charges** or a **flexible/pollution based charge** were introduced:

- money raised should be used to improve transport across the area
- it should be cheaper to travel into Cambridge by public transport than to drive in and park.

Other key themes which emerged included:

- concerns relating to how the potential changes impact businesses, and those with low incomes and/or disabilities
- the need for improvements to cycling infrastructure
- concerns about the workplace parking levy and business relocation
- concerns about pollution charges not reducing congestion (in the long term) due to the rise in greener vehicles







# Questions?

Thank you

