

Investing in the future

Professional Development and Recognition for Transport Planners

What is the scheme?

The Transport Planning Professional Development Scheme (PDS) is a structured training scheme, designed to guide both Transport Planners and their employers through the early stages of a career in Transport Planning.

The flexible, five-year Transport Planning Society (TPS) programme is designed to equip staff with most of the range of knowledge and experience required to become a truly professional Transport Planner, working to achieve the Transport Planning Professional (TPP) qualification awarded jointly by the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) and TPS.

Individuals with an interest in transport planning, whether recent graduates, career changers or those with an established career can follow the PDS, which can lead to opportunities to work towards TPP status, Chartered membership of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and (for those with a civil engineering degree) Chartered Engineer.

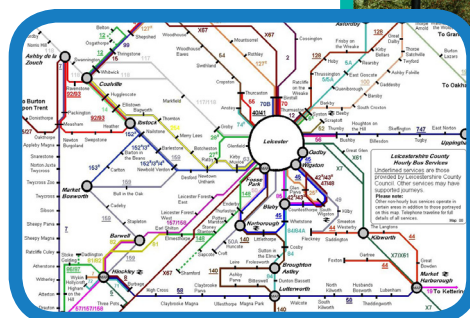


Transport planning is a long term investment. Leicestershire County Council has adopted the TPS Professional Development Scheme to ensure that Leicestershire has the best skills for the long term.

The world in which we work becomes more complex year on year and we must ensure that we develop highly skilled transport planners now, so they can tackle these issues well in the future.



Ian Drummond,
Assistant Director Transportation
Leicestershire County Council



Benefits to organisations

Transport Planners play a key role identifying the needs and opportunities to improve transport, working across traditional modal boundaries, and making good use of communications and control technology.

It is imperative that relevant organisations, within both the public and private sectors, embed and maintain highly competent, professional staff, who have a breadth of vision together with a depth of knowledge, to ensure that they are properly equipped to face the increasing challenges in transport planning and provision over coming years.

Transport planning is a long term investment. Developing highly skilled Transport Planners now will ensure that local authorities have the depth of knowledge and skills to be able to achieve more on tighter budgets as well as tackle planning issues well in the future.

Benefits to staff

The TPP, is a professional qualification that recognises key skills, as well as opportunities for further personal development. Some of the advantages to individuals of the TPP are:

- A true mark of professional competence
- A qualification equivalent to a Chartered Engineer
- A depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding of the technical process involved in transport planning
- The ability to communicate effectively and to manage
- Skills to properly assess policies and projects, as well as regulatory and funding frameworks

How to offer the scheme

Any local authority that is a corporate member of the TPS can obtain a license to use the TPS Professional Development Scheme for no extra cost. The TPS also offers a Consortium arrangement for groups of local authorities.

For more information on the TPS Professional Development Scheme, visit: **www.tps.org.uk/professionaldevelopment** For further information contact Martin Richards on martinrichards1@aol.com or 01306 711885.

Local authorities interested in offering the PDS can speak to Leicestershire County Council about how the scheme can operate in the public sector. Contact Ian Drummond on 0116 305 5990.



There had been an absence of anything that sought to professionalise transport planning in the same way that Chartered status does for other professions.

TfL has adopted the TPS Professional Development Scheme to enable our transport planners to gain access to a development framework directly relevant to their skill set and one that offers a route to become professionally recognised.



Michèle Dix,
Managing Director, Planning,
Transport for London

