Improving access to learning through collaborative solutions

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14-19 Reforms; National Context

- Creating a new curriculum; Four Learning Pathways
- Delivering the Entitlement
- Raising Participation Age
- Developing IAG Provision

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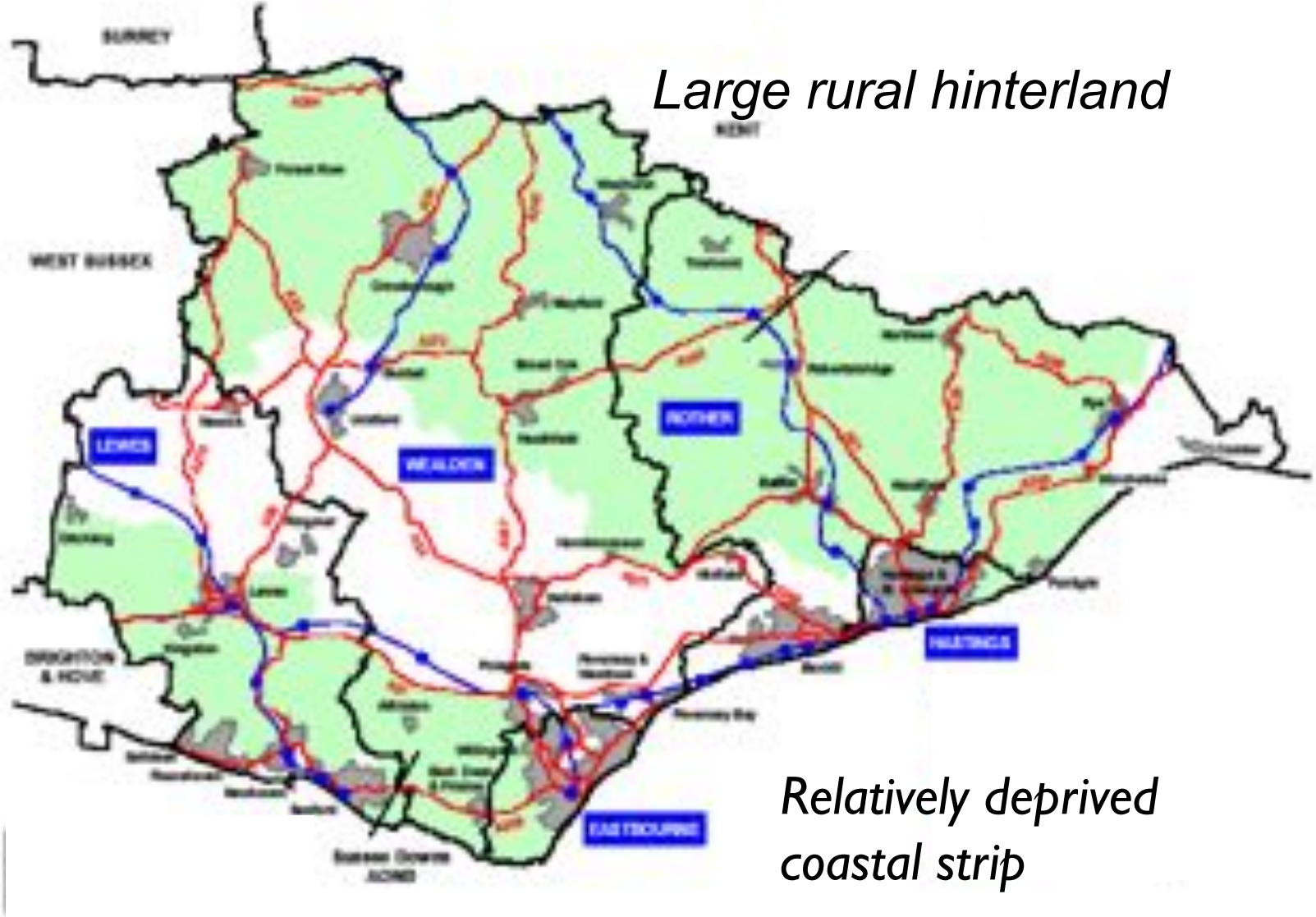
'County of Extremes'



Large rural hinterland

Relatively deprived coastal strip

The Challenges

- Costs
- Distance/Time and Inaccessibility
- Learner density
- Increase in demand for transportation
- Health & Safety and Child Safeguarding
- Rural transport systems reducing
- Collaboration

East Sussex - Education

- 27 secondary schools
- 4 colleges
- 8 school sixth forms

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- Strand 1: Develop collaborative access and transport solutions to meet the entitlement needs of all East Sussex learners

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- Strand 2: Support IAG structures within schools and colleges to facilitate entitlement and the removal of barriers

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- Strand 3: Develop protocols to support access to provision across East Sussex and other local authorities

Solutions & Interventions

1. Countywide Video-Conferencing

2. Independent Travel Training

3. Diploma Peer Support & Revision of Anti-Bullying

4. Safe Journeys

Solutions & Interventions

5. Transport solutions

6. Joint working protocols

7. Alternative modes of travel

8. Communication

5. Transport solutions

- Wealden Transport Pilot
- Learner movement data
- Flexible start/finish times
- Identification of transport solutions; 3 priorities
- Comparative cost exercise….

…..Comparative Costs

- Minibus purchase option = **£103.84** (Cost per student = **£4.15**)
- Minibus lease option = **£127.76** (Cost per student = **£5.11**)

- **Alternative solution = <u>£40.00</u> (Cost per student = <u>£1.60</u>)**
- **Bus at capacity £0.77 per student**

Additional benefits of alternative transport solution:

- COST: All-inclusive costs & No big outlay
- Additional capacity; supports future planning
- Dedicated service
- Hassle free solution
- Benefits staff time and subsequently students
- More environmentally-friendly
- Could support extended schools activities?
- Could charge for 16yr+ students?

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Solutions & Interventions

9. Policy and Strategic development within East Sussex

10. DVD project & Peer Research, Fares Fair campaign; ESCC Youth Cabinet & Youth Parliament

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