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Purpose of report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion / debate <input type="checkbox"/> Information only ²
Sensitive Information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If sensitive, protective marking³	
Date of Meeting	16 July 2015
Agenda Item	D 4
Report Title	Transport Focus – Change of legal name
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1. Summary
The legal name of Transport Focus remains the Passengers Council; the Infrastructure Act did not attempt to harmonise our operating and legal names. The Secretary of State now proposes to do this via Statutory Instrument and his officials have asked for our views.
2. Recommendations / decision required
The board is asked to confirm that it is content with this proposal.
3. Further details
<p>DfT says it is responding to comments made in both Houses of Parliament during the passage of the Infrastructure Act, in that the difference between operating and legal names is confusing. The proposal is therefore to make Transport Focus the common name.</p> <p>The Secretary of State is empowered to do this by Statutory Instrument under the provisions of section 19A of the Railways Act 2005 (this section was inserted by section 74 of the Local Transport Act 2008 (c.26) ie when our bus, coach and tram remit was created). The SI is subject to the affirmative resolution procedure so is unlikely to be the subject of any debate in either House of Parliament. It is annexed to this paper.</p> <p>It is as yet unclear when Parliamentary time will be available to give effect to this SI.</p>
4. Implications – Financial, Risk, Legal, Staffing
The legal name change has a fair bit of work associated with it – references on the website, stationery, contracts, the Great Seal, etc – anywhere we currently say ‘Transport Focus is the operating name of the Passengers Council’. But there are few, if any, major risks involved in this proposal; it seems unlikely that our remit will grow beyond transport....

¹ If a decision is required, or you are asking for the paper to be formally noted, please set this out in section 2

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6. Equalities screen

Sometimes, an equalities impact assessment (EIA) is required for a given report, proposal or project. To help decide whether an EIA is required, a screen must be undertaken based on the information provided above. The screen seeks answers to four questions which are used to determine impact on the protected characteristics – major, minor or none (default). Please choose the correct impact value and, if **major**, link it to an explanation below.

Gender	Age	Sexual orient'n	Disability	Marital status	Political belief	Religious belief	Racial group
1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?							
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equalities categories?							
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
3. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?							
					None	None	None
4. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?							
					None	None	None

Summary of **major** impacts

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Conclusion (the board's consideration of this paper may result in a change of conclusion)

Based on the information above, and having regard to the guidance below, the sponsor and author of this paper agree that (✓)	
(a) A full equalities impact assessment is not required	✓
(b) A full equalities impact assessment is not required at this time but the impact values above suggest the matter should be kept under view during the lifetime of the project	
(c) A full equalities impact assessment is required and should be completed during the lifetime of the project	
(d) A full equalities impact assessment is required and should be completed immediately	
Please provide a brief explanation of why you have arrived at this conclusion	
<p><i>The proposal has little no relevance to equality of opportunity or good relations and / or is purely technical in nature and will have no bearing in terms of its likely impact on equality of opportunity or good relations for people within the equality and good relations categories.</i></p>	