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New Community Rail Strategy and Accreditation

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Agenda

- Community Rail Development Strategy and the Four Pillars
- Accreditation
- General Q&A

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Community Rail Development Strategy

The Four Pillars

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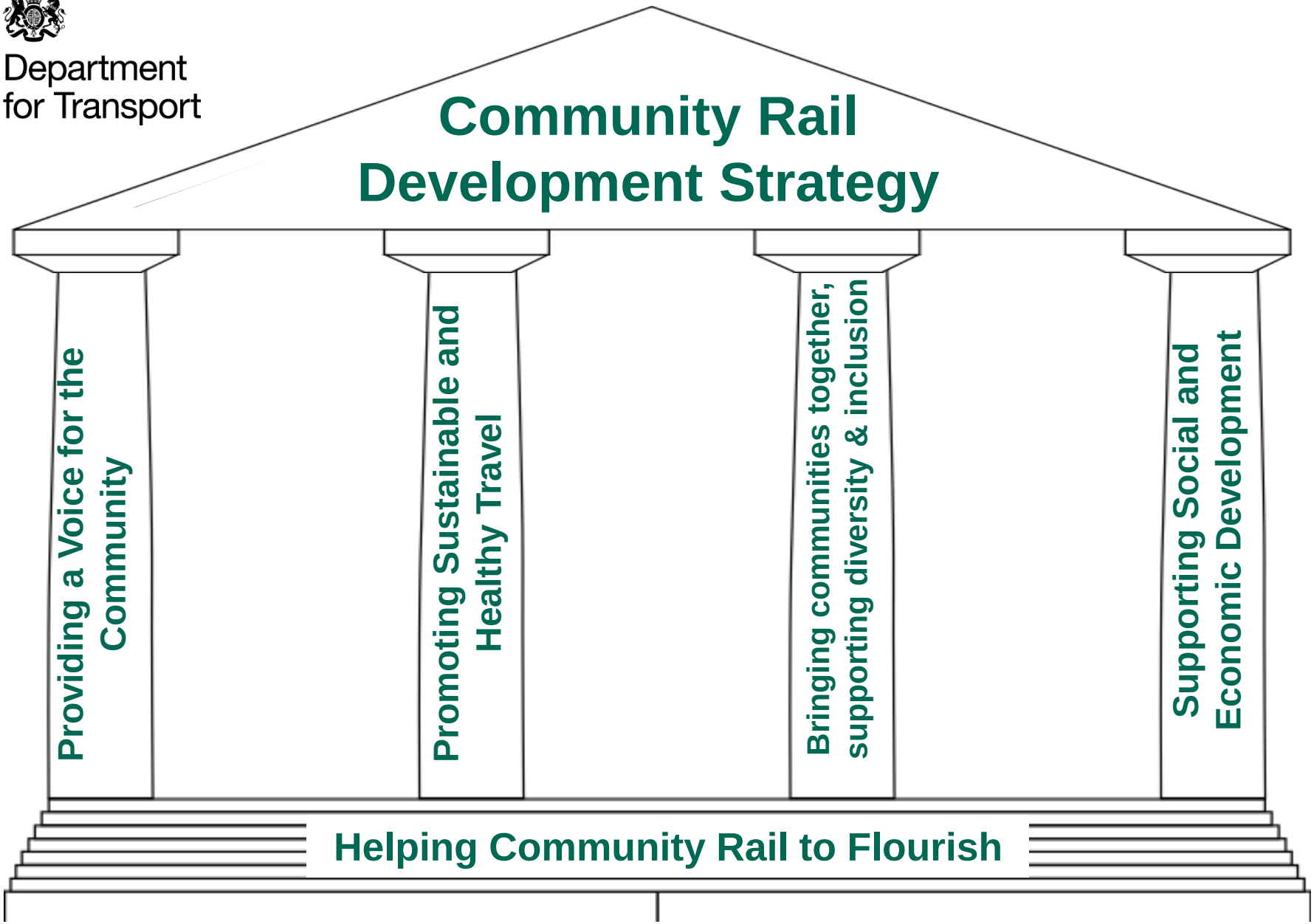

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Providing a Voice for the Community

- Drawing on local insight to advocate for local peoples views
- Informing the rail industry about the needs of local community to bring their views to decisions about services and infrastructure
- Safe guarding the independence of community rail organisations so that they can fulfil the critical friend role
- Encouraging engagement with local authorities

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Promoting Sustainable and Healthy Travel

- Understanding local needs and placing the railways at the heart of sustainable journeys through partnership work
- Understanding the experience of the last mile, providing information and support to create more integrated journeys.
- Assisting with travel planning and encouraging a modal shift towards walking and cycling

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Bringing communities together and supporting diversity and inclusion

- Unlocking the social value of our railways
- Helping to build and support integrated communities
- Opening up the railways to a wider group of people
- Making the railways more accessible
- Providing children, young people and, others with the skills and confidence needed to access the opportunities it offers
- Opening up opportunities for volunteering that develops new skills and tackles isolation

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Supporting Social and Economic Development

- Community rail helping local communities to prosper and grow and assisting railways to make a greater social impact and support local regeneration
- Promoting and enhancing tourism and leisure travel by train to support small businesses and social enterprise development
- Linking with heritage railways through joint promotion and collaboration
- Making better use of railway land and stations
- Growing the rail network – helping to identify local opportunities for development in line with local needs and aspirations

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Accreditation

- Under Development – Launching Apr 2019
- To be open to all ACoRP CRP members in England & Wales
- Administered by ACoRP, but final decision to rest with DfT & WG

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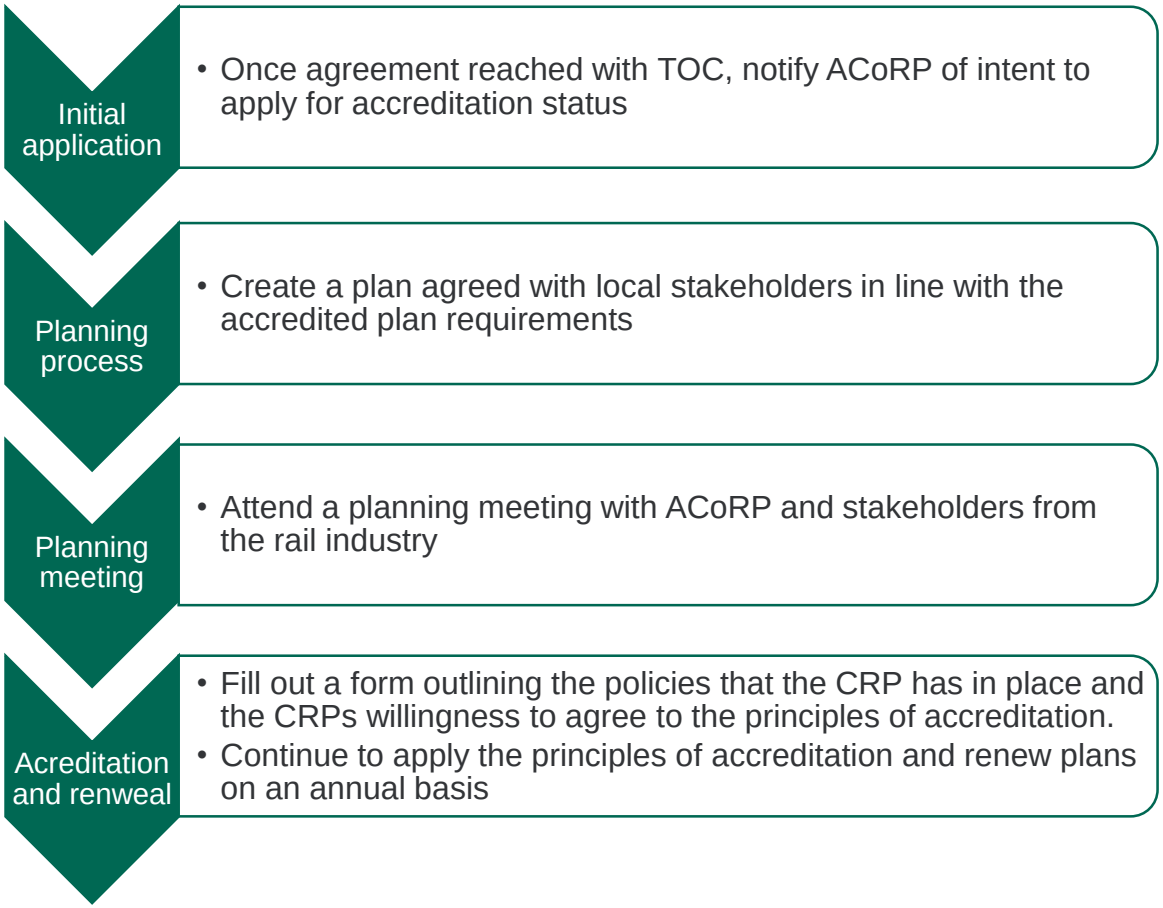
Draft Accreditation Process



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Accredited Plan Requirements

- The plan must include objectives on:
  - Community engagement
  - Organisation development

- The plan must also:
  - Support the new Community Rail Development Strategy
  - Be Achievable
  - Be Evidence based
  - Support the five core principles of accreditation

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Principles of Accreditation

- Effective, beneficial engagement of the community
- Transparency, openness, and ease of contact
- Working in a safe, responsible, ethical manner
- Collaborating constructively with the rail industry and local partners
- Equality, diversity and inclusion

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Benefits of Accreditation

- Public support from Government
  - Accreditation means that the Government supports the objectives of a CRP and the way it operates.
  - Government & ACoRP will provide information on what accreditation status means for CRPs and why others should work with them
- Access to funding
- Engagement in DfT/WG consultations
- Encouraging flexibility in unregulated fares

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General Questions

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