

Appendix A1

Specification for Vehicles

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All Vehicles used for the provision of a Service pursuant to a Local Bus Contract or a Local School Bus Contract must be compliant in all respects with the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations 2000 (as may be amended or updated from time to time).
- 1.2 In other respects, the required specification of the Vehicle will depend on whether the Service is provided pursuant to a Local Bus Contract, Local School Bus Contract or a Closed Education Contract; the Council does not require a particular type of Vehicle to be used unless otherwise stated in the Specification.

2. PASSENGER CARRYING CAPACITY

- 2.1 The minimum seating capacity required for the Service is as set out in the Specification but standing capacity should not be taken into account in calculating capacity.

3. SUITABILITY OF VEHICLES

- 3.1 The Operator must ensure that the Vehicles are suitable for the purpose of providing the Service, taking account of road widths and any obstructions such as low bridges, overhanging trees, telephone wires or other such items which there may be on the route.

4. ROUTE NUMBER AND DESTINATION DISPLAY

- 4.1 Without prejudice to paragraph 1.1 above, in respect of Closed Education Contracts, all route number and destination displays must be clearly visible by day and by night and use either a proprietary LED system or white/bright yellow numerals and letters on a black background. The route number displayed must be at least 200mm in height and the letters displayed must be at least 100mm in height.
- 4.2 Without prejudice to paragraph 1.1 above, in respect of Local School Bus Contracts, the Vehicle must display two different destination signs (outward and return) of up to 25 letters in a manner which is clearly visible to intending passengers. The letters displayed must be at least 70mm high on a contrasting background and the sign should only be displayed when the Vehicle is providing the Service pursuant to the Contract. Unless notified otherwise, destinations to be displayed are as set out in the Specification.

5. HEATING AND VENTILATION

- 5.1 The internal environment of a Vehicle must be capable of being controlled in order to ensure good heating and ventilation as may from time to time be required for the comfort of Passengers and must at all times be kept free from any diesel or exhaust fumes.

6. TICKETING ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 In respect of Local Bus Contracts and Local School Bus Contract, the Operator must ensure throughout the Term that the Vehicle has in operation ticketing equipment which is capable of recording journey undertaken with

ITSO smart media including ENCTS bus passes. The equipment must also be capable of recording the total number of Passengers travelling on each journey and the fares paid.

7. SIGNS AND NOTICES

- 7.1 All Public Service Vehicles must display internally up to two relevant notices that the Council may from time to time provide in relation to the Service or other services in the area.
- 7.2 In respect of Local School Bus Contracts and Closed Education Contracts, the Operator must ensure that a sign with a black border enclosing a silhouette of two children on a yellow reflective background is displayed both at the front and the rear of the Vehicle. This requirement does not apply to Vehicles which fall within the description contained in paragraph 2 of the schedule to the Fuel Duty Grant (Eligible Bus Services) Regulations 1985 (SI 1985 No. 1886) (which covers registered local services on which at least half of the accommodation in the vehicle is normally available to and regularly used by the general public).

8. POWER OPERATED DOORS

- 8.1 Power operated doors must be installed in all Vehicles and the Driver must ensure that Passengers do not operate the doors on any Vehicle.

9. SEAT BELTS

- 9.1 If the Vehicle is a coach as defined by the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 1996, it must be fitted with seat belts which comply with those Regulations.
- 9.2 In respect of Local School Bus Contracts and Closed Education Contracts, all Vehicles must be compliant with the Council's policy to ensure that a seat belt (minimum of a lap-belt) is available for use by children of up to 8 years of age who qualify for school transport assistance under the distance criteria to their catchment area school.
- 9.3 A notice must be displayed inside the Vehicle requiring Passengers to wear their seat belts.

10. REVERSING

- 10.1 Vehicles must be fitted with an audible warning system to warn pedestrians when the Vehicle is reversing.