

## **Appendix A2**

### **Specification for Service**

#### **1. ROUTE**

- 1.1 The route requirements are as set out in the Appendix C and accompanying attachments.

#### **2. TIMETABLE**

- 2.1 The timetable requirements are as set out in the accompanying attachments.

#### **3. DAYS OF OPERATION**

- 3.1 In respect of Local Bus Contracts, the days of operation are as shown on the timetable set out in the Specification.
- 3.2 Unless otherwise required by the Specification, where the Service is to be operated from Monday to Saturday, it will not be required to operate on Public Holidays. A Saturday service (as a minimum) is required to be provided on Mondays to Fridays which fall between 27 December and 31 December (inclusive) in any one year.
- 3.3 Unless otherwise required by the Specification, where the Service is to be operated on a Sunday, it will be required to operate on Public Holidays with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
- 3.4 In respect of Local School Bus Contracts and Closed Education Contracts, the Service (unless otherwise required by the Specification) is required to operate for 190 days per year (and 180 days to Colleges of Further Education), exclusive of 5 in-service training days during the school terms when the Service will not be required unless it serves another Establishment which remains open and the Operator shall ensure that it has obtained confirmation of those dates from the relevant Establishment. No payment for the Service will be due to the Operator in respect of in-service training days.

#### **4. FARES**

- 4.1 In respect of Local Bus Contracts and Local School Bus Contracts, unless otherwise specified in the Specification, the Operator is responsible for setting the level of fares to be charged and must notify the Council of all fares and changes to them.
- 4.2 Accompanied children under the age of 5 are to be carried free of charge. Children aged 5-18 (inclusive) are to be charged up to two-thirds of the applicable adult fare for the journey.
- 4.3 Children in possession of a valid scholar's season ticket or alternative pre-paid ticket are to be carried free of charge. An estimate of the number of pupils in this category is contained in the Specification.
- 4.4 Operators must permit all holders of ENCTS bus passes free off-peak travel. Holders of passes marked "All Day Local" and carrying the "Connect" logo (issued by the Council, Bournemouth Borough Council or Christchurch Borough Council) are to be carried free of charge at all times.