TRANSPORT ASDV - Services in Scope

Home to school transport

- Overall home to school transport policy advice, including assessment of impact of legislative change, changes to entitlement etc
- Eligibility and assessment, including applications for transport assistance, measurement of distance, assessment of available walking routes, decision-making in individual cases, processing of appeals for member consideration
- Planning and specifying appropriate transport (bus pass, coach, minibus or taxi)
- Negotiating and arranging payment of parental expenses
- Tendering and entering into contracts for transport provision
- o Monitoring of safety, reliability and ongoing suitability of transport
- Customer and school contact
- Health and safety oversight
- Training and ongoing support to contractors
- Safeguarding referrals relating to transport, drivers and passenger assistants
- Driver and passenger assistant vetting including Disclosure and Barring Service assessment

Specialised transport (e.g. special educational needs transport)

- Assessment of transport needs, including individual transport risk assessment
- Specification of appropriate transport, including vehicle, equipment, training and emergency / first aid procedures
- Liaison with schools / parents / operators
- Wheelchair / equipment specification and training
- Provision of own council-managed fleet for specialised transport

• Public transport

- Discharge of Transport Act responsibilities including tendering contracts for unmet public transport needs, contracts for supported transport, Bus Service Operator Grant etc
- Information provision e.g. timetables, data systems, Traveline telephone service
- Submission of statutory data returns and links to data bases
- Roadside infrastructure (e.g. shelters, stops and stations / interchanges) provision and maintenance
- Public transport integration and coordination
- Operation of concessionary bus pass application system, reimbursement of operators etc
- Reimbursement of Bus Service Operator Grant / associated public transport support
- Receipt, processing and dissemination of commercial registrations, deregistrations and variations of bus services
- o Oversight of local service disruption mitigation e.g. roadworks
- Monitoring of public transport performance, reporting to regulatory agencies / central government etc

Demand-responsive transport

- Operation of concessionary scheme
- Specification, tendering and contract processes: ongoing contract management
- Contract management e.g. booking system, areas of operation, times of operation etc
- Operational practices relating to flexible transport

General transport activities

- Overview of passenger transport including bus and rail policy
- o Applications to (and implementation of) schemes funded by DfT etc
- Coordination/delivery of sustainable travel projects and schemes e.g. walking, cycling, car reduction schemes
- Management of school crossing patrols etc
- o Passenger transport infrastructure coordination e.g. bus / rail integration
- Construction of acceptable transport plans in response to development control applications
- Formal advice on transport legislative change, central government policy, migration of funding from DfT e.g. Bus Service Operator Grant
- Regional / national liaison e.g. information strategies, registration, punctuality improvement partnerships with bus operators