

Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities  
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Recommendation to and responses from the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills & University and the Team Manager for Passenger Transport Contracts and Planning

Item	Recommendations	Response
<p>Passenger Transport Framework Contract</p>	<p>It is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University that as a requirement of the Passenger Transport Framework Contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) all picking up and dropping off points must be located in safe locations to ensure the safety of the children;</li> <li>(ii) all buses which are being used as school buses must be clearly marked, at the cost of the contractor, with at least a large magnetic sign in the rear window which clearly identifies the vehicle as a school bus and that children are crossing.</li> </ul>	<p>(i) Pick up and drop off points are dependent upon the needs of the child or children concerned and can include home pick ups where needs dictate. However, in order to provide efficient vehicle use, children are encouraged to use the nearest marked bus stop where possible. Full risk assessments are already undertaken as necessary, encompassing the whole journey, including walking to and from the transport pick up point.</p> <p>(ii) The Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations 1989, as amended, already requires buses carrying children to and from school to show a prescribed retro-reflective 'children' pictogram sign to front and rear. Minimum dimensions of the signs are prescribed by the regulations.</p> <p>In addition, the council's conditions of contract state any vehicle designed to carry more than 8 passengers, used in the performance of a school transport contract, must display a school bus sign both front and rear.</p>

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