

Appendix 2

Extracts from Transport Act 1985 Section 63

Functions of local councils with respect to passenger transport in areas other than passenger transport areas.

(1) In each non-metropolitan county of England and Wales it shall be the duty of the county council. -

(a) to secure the provision of such public passenger transport services as the council consider it appropriate to secure to meet any public transport requirements within the county which would not in their view be met apart from any action taken by them for that purpose.

(5) For the purpose of securing the provision of any service under subsection (1)(a) any council shall have power to enter into an agreement providing for service subsidies; but their power to do so— .

(a) Shall be exercisable only where the service in question would not be provided without subsidy; and .

(b) Is subject to sections 89 to 92 of this Act.

(6) A non-metropolitan county council in England and Wales shall have power to take any measures that appear to them to be appropriate for the purpose of or in connection with promoting, so far as relates to their area— .

(a) The availability of public passenger transport services other than subsidised services and the operation of such services, in conjunction with each other and with any available subsidised services, so as to meet any public transport requirements the council consider it appropriate to meet; or .

(b) The convenience of the public (including persons who are elderly or disabled) in using all available public passenger transport services (whether subsidised or not).

(7) It shall be the duty of a county council in exercising their power under subsection (6) above, to have regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

(8) It shall be the duty of any council, in exercising or performing any of their functions under the preceding provisions of this section, to have regard to the transport needs of members of the public who are elderly or disabled.