

To: Operators and potential operators

My Ref: SG/SM/AC

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Date: 20 May 2024

Dear transport operator,

We are writing to give you an update on our home to school transport arrangements for Sandwell children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) following our recent information sessions held in March of this year.

The council needs to ensure it delivers the best services for children with SEND which also complies with our best value duty on how we use resources. The council is currently looking into arrangements for transport for children for the new school year in September 2024 following a review of existing transport arrangements.

A decision will be taken by the council's cabinet on 29 May, which will set out how the council appoints its transport providers, and to extend some of our existing arrangements.

The report will be available on the council's website at [www.sandwell.gov.uk/cabinet](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/cabinet) from Monday 20 May. This report will include information which you will find useful about the proposed Flexible Purchasing System (FPS). If approved the new framework opportunity will be advertised on Intend in early June.

We will keep you updated as this progresses including how to access opportunities under the new arrangements.

Yours faithfully



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