Appendix 1: Project Scope Transforming Transport Regional Collaboration

Project Scope

The project has evolved over time, but the scope of the project was identified at an early stage and comprises the following elements.

- Public Transport (local bus services)
- Education Transport (School, SEN and post 16)
- Social Services Transport

The following areas were excluded from the scope of the project :-

- Eligibility Criteria
- Taxi Licensing
- Fleet Management

The current service is delivered by each of the six Local Authorities and the following key facts are relevant:-

- There are 46.6 FTE staff in scope
- The gross budget is in the region of £47m
- Salary costs are 3% of the total budget
- £24m is spent on education transport
- £7m is spent on bus service contracts
- £14.5m is Welsh Government grant funded.

The case for Change is based on enabling Authorities to:-

- Respond to the budget cuts generally impacting on Local Government
- Respond to the specific 25% cut in bus funding grants by the Welsh Government
- Maximise opportunities to improve service resilience, skill sets, capacity, procurement, efficiency in process and responsiveness to demand
- Respond to National initiatives such as the Simpson Compact.