



2011 CHAPTER 11

PART 1

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

*Service permits*

**Matters to which Department must have regard**

6.—(1) In deciding whether to issue or refuse a permit or to attach conditions to a permit, the Department shall in particular have regard (where appropriate) to the following matters—

- (a) the suitability of the routes on which the service may be provided under the permit;
- (b) any applications for permits which the Department considers relevant;
- (c) the extent, if any, to which the needs of persons likely to use the service to be provided are already adequately and economically served;
- (d) the general effect which the grant of the permit would be expected to have on—
  - (i) other holders of permits;
  - (ii) persons with whom the Department has a service agreement;
- (e) the need for ensuring fair competition among persons providing public passenger transport services;
- (f) such other matters as may be prescribed.

(2) The Department shall also take into account—

- (a) any recommendations made by the Consumer Council;

- (b) any representations by—
  - (i) persons already providing services on any road along or near the routes which are the subject of the application;
  - (ii) the Chief Constable;
  - (iii) a district council;
  - (iv) a Northern Ireland department; or
  - (v) the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.
- (3) In subsection (2)(b)(i) “services” means—
  - (a) public passenger transport services; or
  - (b) any other services to which section 33(1)(a) applies.