

## **5 COVID 19 SCHOOL TRANSPORT RETROFIT FUND (AN4-2021)**

The Scottish Government Learning Directorate has created a new emergency capital fund to support school transport providers meet the cost of COVID-19 related modifications to the vehicles that take young people to and from school.

All local authorities have been given a capital grant award and Dundee City Council's allocation is £26,963.

The instruction from the Scottish Government is that local authorities should open a dialogue with transport providers to help identify which eligible modifications have been or will be made to vehicles and then establish a fair and transparent process for distributing the funding at a local level.

The fund is being administered by the Sustainable Transport Team and all school bus contractors have been contacted, including Dundee City Council's Fleet Manager. Once eligible costs have been agreed, transport providers will be invited to claim the funding, and in turn Dundee City Council will make a claim to the Learning Directorate.

Committee is asked to note the above and delegate authority to the Executive Director of City Development to administer the fund and distribute monies.