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Guidance Notes: Small Schemes

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1. The RPP Bidding Guidance states that any bid for RPP funding will be appraised against SSRA's revised Planning Criteria. A special arrangement is hereby announced to facilitate appraisal and implementation of small schemes

2. A "small scheme" is defined as one with ***PV of RPP support less than £100k and PV of cost less than £1m.***

3. The appraisal of small schemes will be simplified and based on the assessment of:

- technical and contractual feasibility;
- key indicators, e.g. RPP support per passenger mile, benchmarked against the relevant service group, and
- broad assessment of economic/social benefits.

4. Robust forecasts of patronage remain a minimum requirement.

5. This will allow SSRA to take forward small schemes through a fast track SSRA will attempt to make a decision within 6 weeks of the formal bid submission.

6. When a small scheme has wider implications for the network, SSRA will reserve the right to assess such schemes through the normal route detailed in the RPP Bidding Guidance.

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