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Envirox to be used in De Courcey's buses and coaches: pic by Tony Hunter

## Travel De Courcey adds Envirox

Following the launch of the Coventry park-and-ride service featuring three new battery-electric Optare Versa buses (*CBW1041* cover story) Travel de Courcey has taken a further environmental step by setting up a full commercial trial of Energenics' fuel additive Envirox.

The entirety of the operator's Coventry based diesel fleet of approximately 106 buses and coaches will use the nanotechnology-based additive for an initial six-month period. An additive dosing unit has been installed at the main depot in Coventry to treat the bulk diesel fuel storage tank with Envirox which was developed in laboratories on Oxford University's Begbroke Science Park.

Through the use of Envirox, Travel de Courcey is targeting an average fuel saving of 4%, which on an annualised basis is equivalent to 170 tonnes of CO2.

Adrian de Courcey commented: "The new electric buses and fast recharge system show our desire to be an innovator in green technology in this industry, and Envirox, through its savings in fuel and reduction of harmful soot emissions, allows us to address the traditional diesel powered fleet in a similar vein. The cost savings from improved fuel consumption should help us to continue to offer great value for money fares to our customers."

Envirox has been used nationally by Stagecoach UK Bus since 2005, after extensive London trials followed more recently by East Yorkshire Motor Services and other local UK bus and coach operators.

**i** Visit Energenics' website at [www.energenics.co.uk](http://www.energenics.co.uk) or call 01865 233 010.

## CRB Portability in the Pipeline

After years of pressure from CPT and many other organisations, the Government has come up with a proposed way of ending pointless and repetitive Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks, which hit both operators and councils.

New legislation from September 1 this year will formally repeal the registration and continuous monitoring system. A number of other changes, of less interest to our industry, will be introduced at the same time.

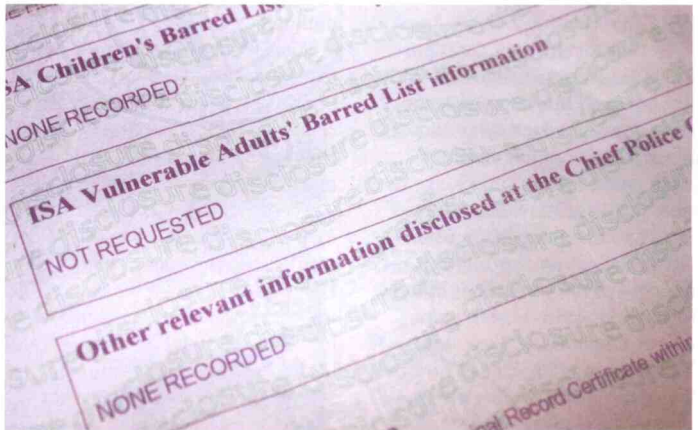
At the start of December this year, the work of the CRB and Independent Safeguarding Authority will be merged into a new public body – the Disclosure and Barring Service. From a date to be announced in early 2013, individuals will be able to apply for a check and, at the same time, subscribe to an update service. They will be able to show any

relevant organisation their certificate, and use a code to get an online confirmation from the Disclosure and Barring Service that there either have, or have not, been any changes to the information shown on the certificate. The fee for this service is expected to be £10 per person per year.

Welcoming the news, Christopher Nice, CPT Deputy Director of Communications, told *CBW*: "We're delighted with this outcome. CRB portability is something the CPT has been fighting for a number of years and is something which will make operators' lives much easier."

CPT said it expects to continue to offer its umbrella body service, enabling members to confirm the identity and eligibility of applicants for checks. Details can be found in the online Compliance Manual.

One aspect which is not changing is the duty to make a referral – for the time being to the ISA – if your organisation dismisses or removes a member of staff from working with children and/or vulnerable adults because they have harmed a child or vulnerable adult.



Drivers will no longer need separate CRB checks for each local authority



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