

PE2116/O: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers

West Yorkshire Combined Authority written submission, 13 February 2025

We consider that information on the experiences of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in introducing bus franchising is well-suited to discussion and have undertaken a wide range of knowledge-sharing engagements in recent months directly with transport authorities across the UK who are considering options for bus reform, including authorities within Scotland. We would be willing to consider a similar approach if that would be of value to this case.

We do, however, note significant differences between Scotland and England in relation to bus franchising in terms of both the established legislative process and proposed changes to legislation (with the Bus Services Bill currently progressing through the UK Parliament).