

SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT OF A PROPOSED
BUS FRANCHISING SCHEME FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE**

TRANSPORT ACT 2000 section 123B and 123C(4)

22 March 2022

In accordance with sections 123B and S123C(4) of the Transport Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”), the above named authority (“Authority”) has authorised the publication of this notice at its meeting on 4 March 2022, confirming its intention to prepare an assessment of a proposed bus franchising scheme (“Proposed Scheme”).

The Proposed Scheme as currently envisaged will cover the entirety of South Yorkshire as defined by the boundaries of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield local authority areas (‘Area’).

Pursuant to section 123C (2) (a) of the 2000 Act, the Secretary of State's permission to carry out the assessment of the Proposed Scheme is not required because the scheme relates to the area of a Mayoral Combined Authority.

The Bus Services Act 2017 amended the 2000 Act to provide the Authority with powers to reform the bus market and these provisions provide for new types of partnership schemes and the option to franchise bus services.

The Authority for the Area will assess the new bus reform options available under the Act including an assessment of the Proposed Scheme.

You can find out more on the Authority’s website. For further information, please contact Stephen Edwards, Corporate Director of Public Transport (Stephen.Edwards@SouthYorkshire-CA.gov.uk)