

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED FRANCHISING SCHEME FOR SOUTH
YORKSHIRE - 23rd OCTOBER 2024

TRANSPORT ACT 2000 section 123E(2)(d)

In accordance with section 123E(2)(d) of the Transport Act 2000, notice is hereby given that the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority determined at its meeting on 6th October 2024 that it wishes to proceed with the proposed franchising scheme for South Yorkshire (the "Proposed Scheme") and undertake a consultation about it in accordance with section 123E of the Transport Act 2000.

The Proposed Scheme will cover the entirety of South Yorkshire as defined by the boundaries of the local authority areas of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. The Proposed Scheme identifies the local bus services that the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority proposes to provide under local service contracts which will give the person awarded the contract the exclusive right to operate the services to which the contract relates. The intention is that all bus services that are being run within, and into, South Yorkshire when the scheme is made will, with certain exceptions, be provided under such contracts. Those bus services now proposed to be provided under such contracts are listed in Annexe 1 of the Proposed Scheme.

The Proposed Scheme is set out and described fully in the Annex to this Notice.

The following documents:-

- (i) consultation document relating to the Proposed Scheme,
- (ii) the assessment of the Proposed Scheme, and
- (iii) the auditor's report on that assessment.

may be inspected on-line at <http://scrkenticoauth.sypte.local/bus-reform> or in hard copy at:-

- a. the offices of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield. S12BQ between the hours of 09.00-17.00 Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays);
- b. Doncaster Central Library, Waterdale, Doncaster DN1 3BZ, during its usual opening hours; 10.00-17.00 Monday to Saturday.

- c. Barnsley Central Library, 1 The Glass Works, Barnsley S70 1GW during its usual opening hours; 09.00-19.00 Monday and Wednesday, 09.00-17.00 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 09.30-16.00 Saturday.
- d. Sheffield Central Library, Surrey St, Sheffield City Centre, Sheffield S1 1XZ during its usual opening hours; 10.00-17.00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00-20.00 Wednesday, 10.00-16.00 Saturday.
- e. Rotherham Central Library, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1AE during its usual opening hours; 08.30-19.00 Monday and Thursday, 08.30-17.30 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 09.00-16.00 Saturday.

until 15th January 2025.

Dated 23rd October 2024



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TRANSPORT ACT 2000

**THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE
FRANCHISING SCHEME FOR BUSES [2025]**

MADE [1 MAY 2025]

ARRANGEMENT OF THE SCHEME

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WHEREAS:

- A. The Transport Act 2000 (as amended) ("**2000 Act**") makes provision for a franchising authority to make a franchising scheme covering the whole or any part of its area. The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority ("**SYMCA**") is a franchising authority as defined in the 2000 Act.
- B. SYMCA gave notice of its intention to prepare an assessment of a proposed scheme in accordance with sections 123B and section 123C(4) of the 2000 Act on 22 March 2022. Having complied with the process as set out in the Act, SYMCA may determine to make the scheme in accordance with sections 123G and 123H of the 2000 Act.

NOW, therefore, the Mayor on behalf of SYMCA, in exercising of the powers conferred by sections 123G and 123H of the 2000 Act, and of all other enabling powers, hereby **MAKES THE FOLLOWING FRANCHISING SCHEME** (the "**Scheme**"):

1. CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 This Scheme may be cited as the South Yorkshire Franchising Scheme for Buses [2025] and is made on [1 May 2025].
- 1.2 This Scheme shall come into operation on [1 October 2027] and shall remain in operation thereafter unless varied or revoked in accordance with the 2000 Act.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In this Scheme.
 - (a) "**1985 Act**" means the Transport Act 1985;
 - (b) "**2000 Act**" has the meaning given to it in Recital A;
 - (c) "**Commencement Date**" has the meaning ascribed to it in article 1.2;

- (d) “**EP Plan**” means the South Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership Plan made on 1 April 2022 by SYMCA, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Doncaster Borough Council, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council pursuant to section 138A of the 2000 Act;
- (e) “**EP Schemes**” means each enhanced partnership scheme which is associated with the EP Plan and made by SYMCA, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Doncaster Borough Council, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council pursuant to section 138A of the 2000 Act including the South Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership Scheme for Buses made on 1 April 2022 and **EP Scheme** shall be construed accordingly;
- (f) “**Franchising Scheme Area**” means the SYMCA Area;
- (g) “**Large Franchise Contract**” means a Local Service Contract which has a Peak Vehicle Requirement of no less than 50 vehicles;
- (h) “**Local Service Contract**” has the same meaning as in section 123A(5) of the 2000 Act;
- (i) “**Local Service**” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the 1985 Act;
- (j) “**Operator**” means a person operating a Local Service, and references to an Operator shall be construed in accordance with section 137(7) of the 1985 Act;
- (k) “**South Yorkshire Franchising Scheme Map**” means the map so described which is deposited at SYMCA’s office at 11, Broad Street West, Sheffield S1 2BQ¹ (A smaller scale version of this plan is at Annex 3 for the purposes solely of illustration);

¹ The map is available for inspection there and online at [WEB ADDRESS]

- (l) “**SYMCA**” means the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority; and
- (m) “**SYMCA Area**” means the area consisting of the areas of the metropolitan district councils for the local government areas of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

3. THE FRANCHISING SCHEME AREA

- 3.1 The SYMCA Area is hereby designated as the area to which the Scheme relates as shown on the South Yorkshire Franchising Scheme Map².

4. ENTRY INTO LOCAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

- 4.1 The date on which a Local Service Contract to provide a Local Service may first be entered into shall be [1 April 2027]³.
- 4.2 The minimum period that is to expire between the date set out in article 4.1 and the provision of a Local Service under a Local Service Contract shall be a period of 6 months.⁴
- 4.3 The date on which a Local Service may first be provided under a Local Service Contract shall be [1 October 2027].

5. SERVICES UNDER LOCAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

- 5.1 Subject to article 6, the Local Services that are appropriate, and are intended, to be provided under Local Service Contracts are those specified in Annex 1 to this Scheme⁵.

6. EXCEPTIONS FROM THE SCHEME

² Section S123H(2)(a)

³ Section 123H(2)(c)

⁴ Section 123H(2)(d)

⁵ Section 123H(2)(b)

6.1 The Local Services excepted from regulation arising because of the Scheme are those listed in Annex 2.

7. SCHEME FACILITIES

7.1 The additional facilities that the SYMCA consider appropriate to provide in the SYMCA Area are:

- (a) such depots as may facilitate the letting of the Large Franchise Contracts.
- (b) buses, zero emission or internal combustion engine, as may facilitate the letting of the Local Service Contracts.

8. PLAN FOR CONSULTING ON OPERATION OF THE SCHEME

8.1 The SYMCA will consult such organisations as appear to the SYMCA to be representative of users of Local Services (including for the avoidance of doubt, Local Service Contracts). This will include Transport Focus or any successor organisation. It may consult other organisations and persons, as the SYMCA thinks fit.

8.2 The purpose of any consultation undertaken in accordance with this article 8 is to seek the views of the users of Local Services on how well the Scheme is working⁶. SYMCA will consult in accordance with this article 8 within a period of 24 months from the date set out in article 4.3 and at such other times periodically as the SYMCA considers appropriate.

8.3 Any consultations carried out in accordance with this article 8 shall last for such period of time as the SYMCA thinks fit so as to ensure that those organisations and persons described in article 8.1 have sufficient time to respond.

8.4 The SYMCA will make available to the public its response to any consultation carried out in accordance with this article 8.

⁶ Section 123(A)(9)

9. VARIATION AND REVOCATION OF THE ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP

9.1 Immediately after the dates on which subsections (2) and (3) of section 123J of the 2000 Act apply to the Franchising Scheme Area, the EP Plan and each EP Scheme shall be revoked in respect of the Franchising Scheme Area⁷.

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THE MAYOR OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY

⁷ Section 123(H)(6)(b)

ANNEXES TO THE SCHEME

ANNEX 1: SERVICES INCLUDED - ARTICLE 5

Origin	Via	Destination
Adwick le Street		Auckley
Adwick-upon-Dearne		Scawsby
Askern		Woodlands (St Joseph & St Teresa Sch)
Aston Academy		Treeton
Attercliffe		Handsworth
Auckley		Austerfield
Aughton		Sheffield
Balby		Balby Carr
Barnby Dun		Edenthorpe
Barnby Dun		Sykehouse
Barnby Dunn		Lindholme
Barnsley		Athersley (Circle)
Barnsley		Barnsley
Barnsley		Cawthorne
Barnsley		Cudworth
Barnsley		Darton
Barnsley		Darton College
Barnsley		Deepcar
Barnsley		Denby Dale
Barnsley		Doncaster
Barnsley		Doncaster Airport
Barnsley		Hemsworth
Barnsley		Hoyland
Barnsley	Hoyland	Elsecar (Circle)
Barnsley		Ingbirchworth
Barnsley	Kendray	Worsbrough Bank End (Circle)
Barnsley		Kexborough
Barnsley	Kexborough	Darton
Barnsley		Kingstone
Barnsley	Kingstone	Pogmoor (Circle)
Barnsley		Leeds
Barnsley	Mexborough	Rotherham
Barnsley		Penistone
Barnsley		Penistone (Penistone Grammar Sch)
Barnsley	Pogmoor	Kingstone (Circle)
Barnsley		Pontefract
Barnsley		Rotherham
Barnsley		Royston

Origin	Via	Destination
Barnsley	Royston	Wakefield
Barnsley	Staincross	Mapplewell (Circle)
Barnsley		Stocksbridge
Barnsley	Thurnscoe	Doncaster
Barnsley		Wakefield
Barnsley	Wath upon Dearne	Thurnscoe
Barnsley		Wombwell
Barnsley Interchange	Royston	Wakefield
Barugh Green		Penistone (Penistone Grammar Sch)
Base Green		Eckington
Bawtry		Auckley
Bawtry		Auckley (The Hayfield Sch)
Bawtry		Queen Elizabeth School
Bessacar		Tickhill
Birley		Ecclesfield
Blyth		Bawtry
Braithwaite		Campsall (Campsall Academy)
Broomhill		Crystal Peaks
Broomhill		Harthill
Cantley		Balby
Cantley		Doncaster
Carcroft		Doncaster
Carlecotes		Millhouse Green
Castleton		Mam Tor
Chapelton		Kimberworth
Chapelton		Lowedges
Chapelton		Meadowhall
Chapelton		Ranmoor
Chapelton		Stocksbridge
Chapelton		Swinton
Conisborough		Wath
Crystal Peaks		Clowne
Crystal Peaks		Ecclesfield
Crystal Peaks	Frecheville	Crystal Peaks (Circle)
Crystal Peaks		Plumbly
Crystal Peaks		Thorpe Salvin (Circle)
Crystal Peaks		Wales
Crystal Peaks	Frecheville-Birley	Crystal Peaks (Circle)
Darton		Wakefield
Darton		Windhill
Doncaster		Armthorpe (Circle)
Doncaster		Auckley
Doncaster		Balby
Doncaster	Balby	Lakeside (Circle)
Doncaster	Bawtry	Retford

Origin	Via	Destination
Doncaster	Bentley	Arksey (Circle)
Doncaster		Bessacarr
Doncaster		Cantley
Doncaster		Clay Lane
Doncaster		Doncaster
Doncaster		Doncaster New College
Doncaster		Doncaster Sheffield Airport
Doncaster		Edlington
Doncaster		Edlington (Circle)
Doncaster		Finningley
Doncaster		Gainsborough
Doncaster	Harworth	Worksop
Doncaster		Hayfield
Doncaster		Moorends
Doncaster		Norton
Doncaster		Retford
Doncaster	Ridgewood School	Scawsby
Doncaster		Rossington
Doncaster	Rossington	Tickhill
Doncaster		Rossington (Circle)
Doncaster		Scawsby (Circle)
Doncaster		Sheffield
Doncaster		Skellow
Doncaster		South Elmsall (Circle)
Doncaster	Stainforth	Hatfield
Doncaster	Thorne	Moorends
Doncaster		Wheatley Hills
Doncaster		Wombwell
Doncaster		Woodfield (Circle)
Doncaster		Woodlands
Doncaster		Worksop
Doncaster Interchange		Doncaster Airport
Dore	Bradway	Jordanthorpe
Ecclesfield		Banner Cross
Ecclesfield		Bents Green
Ecclesfield		Crystal Peaks
Ecclesfield	Sheffield	Hemsworth
Ecclesfield		Stocksbridge
Edlington		Cantley
Elsecar		Wath upon Dearne
Finningley		Auckley
Fir Vale		Broomhill
Fox Valley		Hillsborough
Goldthorpe		Scawsby (Ridgewood Sch)
Greasbrough		Wath upon Dearne (Wath Comp Sch)

Origin	Via	Destination
Grenoside		Worrall
Halfway		Fulwood
Halfway		Mansfield
Handsworth		Dinnington
Heeley		Norton Lees
Heeley		Ranmoor (Notre Dame Sch)
High Green		Batemoor
High Green		Rotherham
Hillsborough		Bradfield
Hillsborough		Harley
Hillsborough		High Bradfield (Circle)
Hillsborough		Low Bradfield (Circle)
Hillsborough		Totley
Hillsborough		Totley Brook
Hillsborough		Wharncliffe Side
Holbrook		Sheffield
Holmfirth		Barnsley
Holmfirth		Castleton
Holmfirth		Fox Valley
Hope		Ecclesall
Horse Fair		Doncaster Frenchgate Interchange
Instoneville		Cantley
Intake	Doncaster	Bentley
Jordanthorpe	City - Shiregreen	Foxhill
Jordanthorpe	Sheffield	Shiregreen
Kendray		Kingstone
Lindholme		Hatfield (Ash Hill Academy)
Lodge Moor	Sheffield	Charnock
Low Valley		Wath upon Dearne
Lowedges		Meadowhall
Lowedges	Sheffield	Shiregreen
Lowedges		Sheffield Centre
Loxley		Worrall Bradfield School
Malin Bridge		Worrall (Bradfield Sch)
Maltby		Dinnington
Maltby		Rotherham
Mam Tor		Lowedges
Manor Park	Heeley - Uppertorpe	Sheffield (Circle)
Manor Park	Sheffield - Uppertorpe	Heeley (Circle)
Manor Top		High Storrs
Mapplewell		Darton
Mapplewell		Kexborough
Mapplewell		Penistone
Meadowhall		Buxton

Origin	Via	Destination
Meadowhall		Holmfirth
Meadowhall		Norton Lees
Meadowhall Interchange		Sheffield Interchange
Meadowhead		Bradway
Millhouse Green		Penistone Grammar School
Millhouse Green		Stocksbridge
Misson	Bawtry	Retford
Monk Bretton		Holy Trinity School
Monk Bretton		Kendray
Moorends		Cantley
Mosborough		Sothall
Nether Edge		Wybourn
Nether Haugh		Wentworth (Wentworth Sch)
Norton		Doncaster
Norwood		Fulwood
Penistone		Holmfirth
Penistone		Millhouse Green (Circle)
Ranmoor		Pitsmoor
Rossington		Tickhill
Rotherham		Maltby
Rotherham		Barnsley
Rotherham		Bramley
Rotherham		Chapeltown
Rotherham		Dinnington
Rotherham	Dinnington	Worksop
Rotherham		Doncaster Airport
Rotherham		East Herringthorpe
Rotherham		Grimethorpe
Rotherham		Harthill
Rotherham		Herringthorpe (Circle)
Rotherham		Hoyland
Rotherham		Kimberworth Park
Rotherham		Kimberworth Park (Circle)
Rotherham	Mexborough	Doncaster
Rotherham		Ravenfield
Rotherham		Rawmarsh (Circle)
Rotherham		Rotherham
Rotherham		Sheffield
Rotherham	Swallownest	Harthill
Rotherham		Swinton
Rotherham		Wath upon Dearne
Rotherham		Worksop
Scunthorpe		Haxey
Sheffield		Bakewell
Sheffield		Barnsley

Origin	Via	Destination
Sheffield	Barnsley	Leeds
Sheffield		Castleton
Sheffield		Chancet Wood
Sheffield		Chapelton
Sheffield		Chesterfield
Sheffield	Clowne	Mansfield
Sheffield	Crystal Peaks	Plumley
Sheffield		Darnall
Sheffield		Dinnington
Sheffield	Dinnington	Thurcroft
Sheffield		Doncaster
Sheffield		Doncaster Airport
Sheffield		Dore
Sheffield	Dronfield	Chesterfield
Sheffield	Eckington - Chesterfield	Holymoorside
Sheffield	Eckington	Crystal Peaks
Sheffield		Fir Vale
Sheffield		Firth Park
Sheffield		Harthill
Sheffield		Hillsborough
Sheffield		Holmfirth
Sheffield		Maltby
Sheffield		Manor Top
Sheffield		Matlock
Sheffield		Meadowhall
Sheffield		Millhouses
Sheffield		Parsons Cross
Sheffield		Rotherham
Sheffield		Sheffield
Sheffield		Stocksbridge
Sheffield		Totley Brook (King Ecgbert Sch)
Sheffield		Woodhouse
Sheffield City Centre (Circle)		Sheffield City Centre (Circle)
Shiregreen	City	Herdings (Circle)
Shiregreen		Herdings (Circle)
Smithies		Kingstone (Horizon Community Coll)
Sprotbrough		Scawsby
Staincross		Kexborough
Stainforth		Hatfield Woodhouse (Hatfield Woodhouse Sch)
Stainforth		Mcauley School
Stannington	Sheffield	Dore
Stannington		Worrall

Origin	Via	Destination
Stocksbridge		Bradfield School
Stocksbridge		Ranmoor
Thorne		Moorends
Thorne Town Service		Thorne Town Service
Thurcroft		Kiveton
Thurcroft		Kiveton Park
Thurgoland		Penistone (Circle)
Thurnscoe		Wath upon Dearne (St Pius X High Sch)
Thurnscoe		Wombwell (Netherwood Academy)
Tickhill		Cantley
Tickhill		Doncaster
Tickhill		Edlington
Toll Bar		Scawthorpe
Wadsley		Ranmoor
Wakefield		Doncaster
Walkley		Meadowhall
Walkley		Rotherham
Walkley	Sheffield	Meadowhall
Walkley		Stannington
Warren	Chapelton	Parson Cross
Wath upon Dearne		Thurnscoe
Waverley		Aston
Western Bank		Crosspool
Wheatley		Cantley
Wincobank		Ranmoor
Wombwell		Wath upon Dearne (Wath Comp Sch)
Woodfield		Doncaster Frenchgate Interchange
Woodfield Plantation		Sir Thomas Wharton Academy
Woodhouse		Bradway
Woodhouse		Hillsborough
Woodhouse		Lowedges
Woodhouse		Stradbroke (Outwood Academy City)
Woodhouse		Swallownest
Woodhouse		Wisewood
Woodsetts		Dinnington
Wortley		Penistone (Penistone Grammar Sch)

ANNEX 2: EXCEPTED SERVICES - ARTICLE 6

1. The following Local Services shall be excepted from regulation arising because of the Scheme (as further set out below, as applicable):
 - 1.1 A Local Service provided where a railway service or light rail service has been temporarily interrupted; and
 - 1.2 Any Local Service specified in Annex 1 to this Scheme up until the effective time of the first Local Service Contract that operates or applies to a geographical area that encompasses all or part of the Local Service specified in Annex 1; and
 - 1.3 Shuttle/Feeder services in the event of road closures; and
 - 1.4 Non regular special events; and
 - 1.5 Scheduled long distance coach services.

ANNEX 3: SOUTH YORKSHIRE FRANCHISING SCHEME MAP

