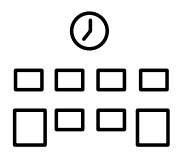
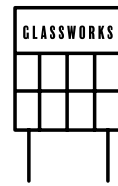
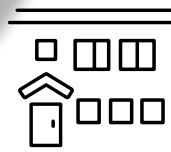
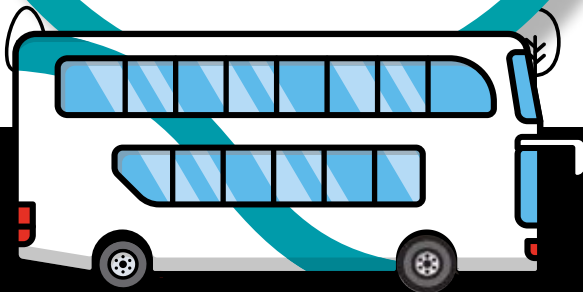


**HAVE  
YOUR SAY  
ON TAKING  
BACK CONTROL  
OF OUR  
BUSES**



# Easy read summary of the South Yorkshire Bus Franchising Consultation

The bus franchising consultation is now open.

You have until 11:59pm on 15th January 2025  
to have your say.

Take part at [southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/bus-reform](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/bus-reform)

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# About this easy read summary

- This easy read summary will help you to understand the South Yorkshire Bus Franchising Consultation.
- It uses easy to read words and pictures to tell you about the consultation and what it means for you.
- There is a lot of information to think about.
- It might help to ask a friend or family member to look at this with you.
- You can get information in your spoken language by calling Traveline on 0800 952 0002. Just ask for 'Language Line' and tell us your language. We will arrange a conversation with an interpreter for you.

# Who are we?



We are South Yorkshire  
Mayoral Combined Authority

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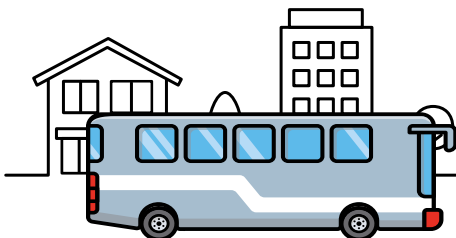
We are led by Oliver Coppard,  
South Yorkshire's Mayor.

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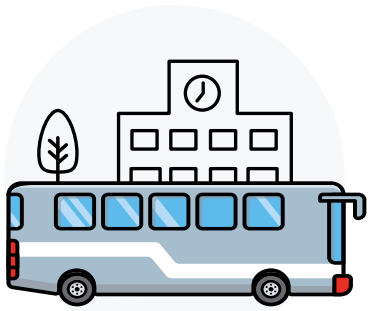
We include four local councils

- **Barnsley**
  - **Doncaster**
  - **Rotherham**
  - **Sheffield**
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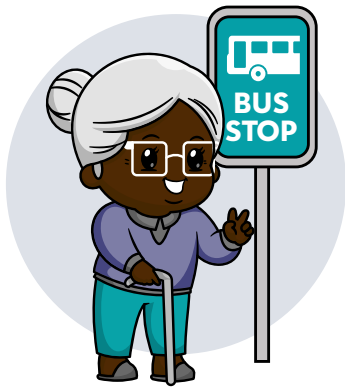
Some of the things we are  
responsible for include;  
transport, policing, housing,  
skills and lifelong learning,  
and good growth for the  
local economy.

# What is this summary about?



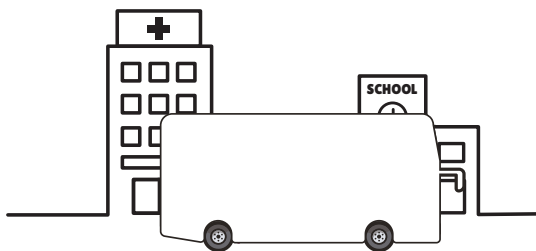
This summary is about how we can run local buses across South Yorkshire in the future.

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Bus services are very important because most of the public transport journeys people make across South Yorkshire are by bus.

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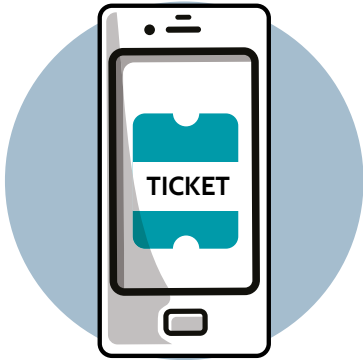


People use buses to get to work, school, doctors, hospitals and to visit friends and families.



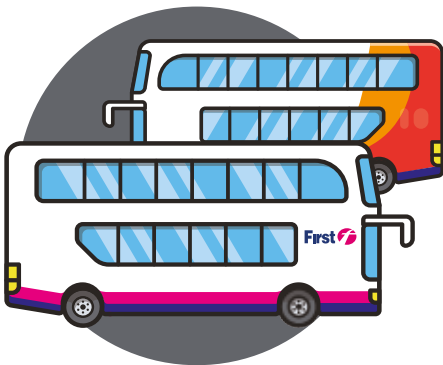
People have told us that local buses in South Yorkshire are not working as well as they should.

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For example, buses do not turn up when they should, there are fewer buses on our roads than there were years ago, and there are over 100 different bus tickets to choose from. All of this makes getting across South Yorkshire more difficult than it should be.

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Buses are run by private companies like Stagecoach, First and TM Travel at the moment. They make all of the decisions on when and where buses go to and how much a journey should cost.

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Bus companies also decide when to stop running services or to run less services along routes that do not make money.

# What are we asking for your views on?



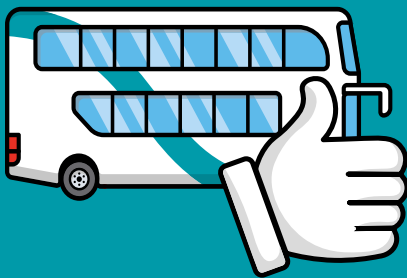
We want to make the way buses are run for everyone in South Yorkshire better and fix the problems people are telling us about.

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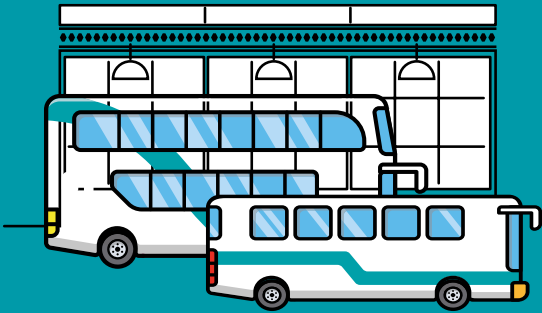
We have been given the power by the UK Government to decide how buses should be run across South Yorkshire.

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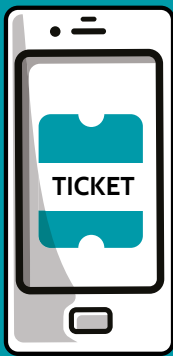


We think that taking control of the buses will help make things better. This is called 'Bus Franchising'.

# What are we asking for your views on?



This means that South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority will run the bus network.



It will:

- Own the bus depots
- Own the buses
- Decide how much the bus fares will be
- Decide what routes the buses will take
- Decide what times the buses will arrive.

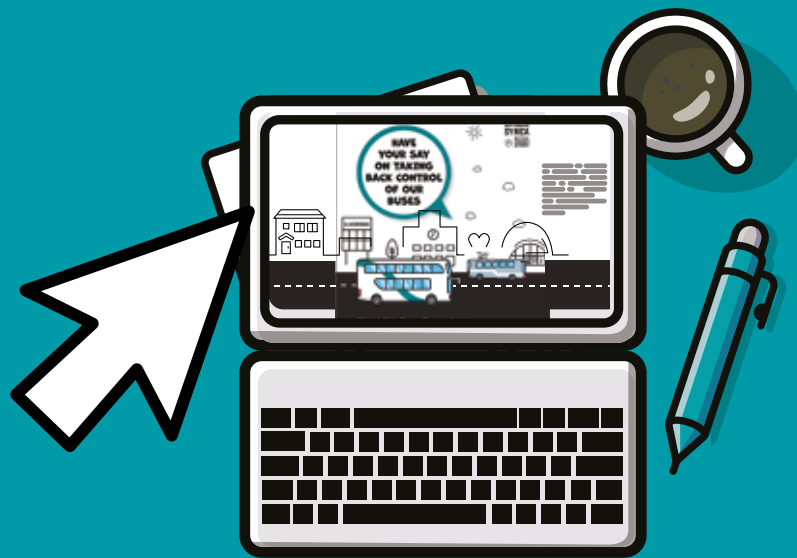


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We want you to tell us if you agree or do not agree with this.



# How can you get involved?



You can let us know your thoughts by filling in the online questionnaire at:

**[southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/bus-reform](https://southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/bus-reform)**

You can also download the form, fill it in and send it to us by email at:

**[southyorkshirebusconsultation@djsresearch.com](mailto:southyorkshirebusconsultation@djsresearch.com)**

Or post it to us at:

**FREEPOST, SOUTH YORKSHIRE BUS CONSULTATION**

You can come to one of our public information drop-in events to speak to us and find out more. These events are happening across South Yorkshire now until the end of the year. You can find a full list of these at

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# What next?



The consultation closes at 11.59pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

All responses from the public will be looked at and included in a final report.

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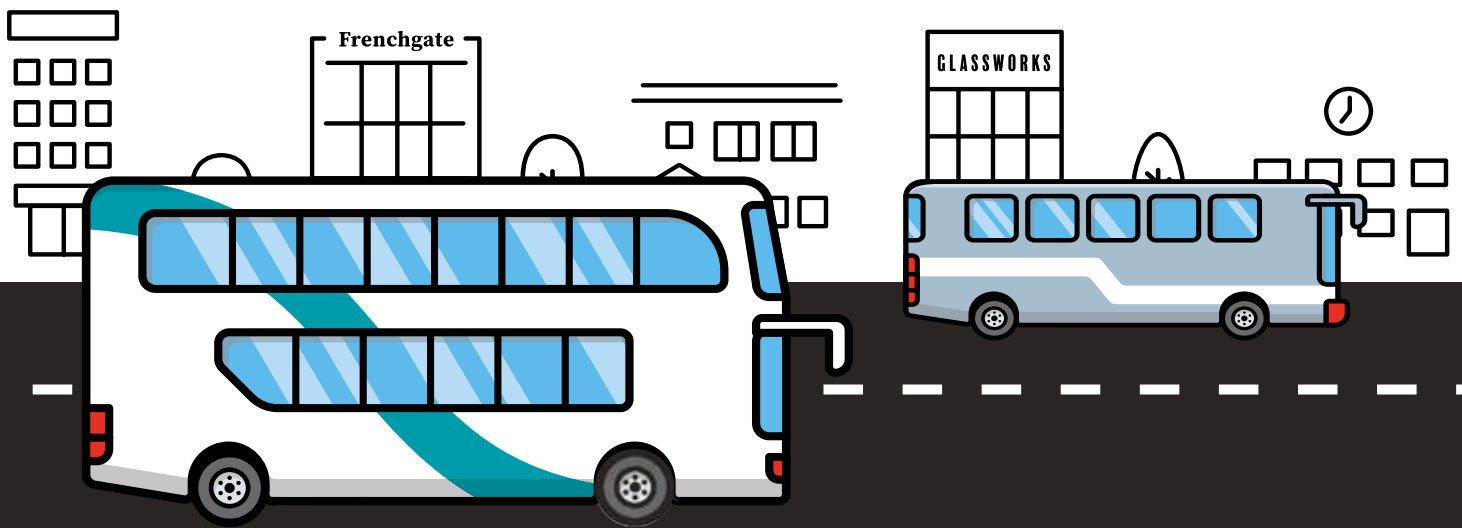


The report will be given to South Yorkshire's Mayor Oliver Coppard.

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By March 2025, the Mayor will make a decision on whether or not SYMCA will take control of the buses.



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