

TRANSPORT ACT 2000

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

MADE 20th MARCH 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 20th March 2025.

- 1.2 This Scheme shall come into operation on 5th September 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 www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/bus-franchising
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- (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.

2.2 Any reference to any enactment, order, regulation, or other similar instrument in this Scheme shall be construed as a reference to the enactment, order, regulation, or instrument as amended, replaced, consolidated, or re-enacted and shall include any subordinate legislation made under the relevant enactment, order regulation or similar instrument and any legally binding codes of practice made thereunder whether before or after the date of this Scheme.

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 4 January 2027³.

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 8 months.⁴

4.3 The date on which a Local Service may first be provided under a Local Service Contract shall be 5th September 2027.

² Section S123H(2)(a)

³ Section 123H(2)(c)

⁴ Section 123H(2)(d)

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.

5.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 5.1 above, where the origin or destination of a Local Service specified in Annex 1 is outside of the Franchising Scheme Area that element of the service will not be subject to the Scheme and, in such instances, SYMCA will use its reasonable endeavours to secure the operation of such service in a different manner to the extent possible. For example:-

- (a) whilst the service remains to be operated from a location outside of the Franchising Scheme Area, such services may be operated under a service permit whilst operating in the Franchising Scheme Area; and
- (b) for services that are operated from within the Franchising Scheme Area, such elements of the service that fall outside of the Franchising Scheme Area will not be subject to the Scheme, but rather such elements of the service will, to the extent contracted for by SYMCA, be secured as a subsidised service under powers in the Transport Act 1985.

6. EXCEPTIONS FROM THE SCHEME

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

⁵ Section 123H(2)(b)
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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 123A(9)
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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.

THE MAYOR OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY

20th March 2025

⁷ Section 123H(6)(a)
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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
Barnsley	Royston	Wakefield
Barnsley	Staincross	Mapplewell (Circle)
Barnsley		South Elmsall
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 (Camps Mount 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		Ecclesfield
Crystal Peaks	Frecheville	Crystal Peaks (Circle)
Crystal Peaks		Plumbley
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
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)
Grenoside		Worrall
Halfway		Fulwood
Halfway		Mansfield
Handsworth		Dinnington
Haxey		Doncaster
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
Huddersfield		Denby Dale
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
Mansfield		Sheffield
Mapplewell		Darton
Mapplewell		Kexborough
Mapplewell		Penistone
Meadowhall		Buxton
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
Oaks High School		Misson
Penistone		Holmfirth
Penistone		Millhouse Green (Circle)
Ranmoor		Pitsmoor
Rossington		Tickhill
Rotherham		Maltby
Rotherham		Barnsley
Rotherham		Bramley
Rotherham		Chapelton
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	Westwoodside	Doncaster
Scunthorpe		Doncaster
Scunthorpe		Haxey
Sheffield		Bakewell
Sheffield		Barnsley
Sheffield	Barnsley	Leeds
Sheffield		Castleton
Sheffield		Chancet Wood
Sheffield		Chapelton
Sheffield		Chesterfield
Sheffield	Clowne	Mansfield
Sheffield	Crystal Peaks	Plumbly
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	Bradwell – Hathersage	Sheffield
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 Egbert 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
Stocksbridge		Bradfield School
Stocksbridge		Ranmoor
Thorne		Moorends
Thorne Town Service		Thorne Town Service
Thurcroft		Kiveton
Thurcroft		Kiveton Park
Thurgoland		Holmfirth
Thurgoland		Penistone (Circle)
Thurnscoe		Wath upon Dearne (St Pius X High Sch)
Thurnscoe		Wombwell (Netherwood Academy)
Tickhill		Cantley
Tickhill		Doncaster
Tickhill		Edlington
Tideswell		Meadowhall
Toll Bar		Scawthorpe
Wadsley		Ranmoor
Wakefield		Doncaster
Wakefield		Upton
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
Wirksworth		Sheffield
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.

