

North East Combined Authority

Notice of Intention to Prepare an Assessment of a Proposed Franchising Scheme

8 August 2024

The Bus Services Act 2017 amended the Transport Act 2000 (the “Act”) to provide the North East Combined Authority (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.

In accordance with section 123B and section 123C(4) of the Act, the Authority has authorised the publication of this notice at its meeting on 30 July 2024, stating its intention to prepare an assessment of a proposed bus franchising scheme (“Proposed Scheme”).

Pursuant to section 123C(2)(a) of the 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 Authority will, as the franchising authority for the North East Region, prepare an assessment of the Proposed Scheme.

You can find out more on the North East Combined Authority’s website. For further information, please contact enquiries@northeast-ca.gov.uk