







UK Bus Franchising Expected Timetable

This timetable relies upon publicly available information as at 02 November 2022, timescale assumptions published by relevant local authorities and informed assumptions made by SH. Please be aware, local authorities that have not yet completed the Consultation phase of the franchising process have not committed to proceeding with the franchising model and may conclude the process based on the outcome of the Consultation.

Local Authority	Bus Services* ##	2023	2024	Comments
		N D J F M A M J J A S O N D	N D J F M A M J J A S O N D	
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Tranche 1 Tranche 2 Tranche 3			Tranche 1 will be rolled out from 17 September 2023. Dates have been published by GMCA. Tranche 2 will be rolled out from the end of March 2024. Dates have been published by GMCA. Tranche 3 will be rolled out from 5 January 2025. Dates have been published by GMCA.
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority				Assessment commenced in March 2022. Other dates are based on the assumptions of LCRCA and SH.
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority				Assessment commenced in March 2022. Other dates are based on the informed assumptions of SH.
West Yorkshire Combined Authority				Franchising due to be operational from late 2025/early 2027. Dates are from WYCA proposed timescale.
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority				Assessment of franchising underway, EP introduced in April 2022.
West Midlands Combined Authority				Assessment of both franchising and EP underway, EP currently in place.
York and North Yorkshire				Devolved powers will enable possibility of bus franchising if YaNY join a Mayoral Combined Authority.
North East Joint Transport Committee				Bid for devolved franchising powers still under review. EP due to run until 31 March 2027.

Key

Assessment		Includes the Development of the Assessment and commissioning a report by an independent auditor.
Consultation		Public consultation and engagement.
Response		Publishing a report based on the consultation and, if it is decided that a scheme will be implemented, publishing the franchising scheme.
Transition		Includes tendering and awarding service contracts to franchise operators, and actioning relevant staff transfers
Implementation		Commencement and implementation of the franchise scheme.
Enhanced Partnership		Some local authorities are in the process of implementing an Enhanced Partnership ("EP") whilst either undertaking the Assessment phase for franchising or until they have the requisite powers to implement franchising.

*GMCA is tendering its franchised bus services in three tranches.

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