

Mayoral Decision Notice

DECISION INFORMATION

1. DECISION TITLE	Mayoral Decision Taking Forward Bus Reform in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Region
2. DECISION No.	MDN001-2025
3. DECISION DATE	7th February 2025
4. DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE	17th February 2025
5. AUTHORITY FOR DECISION	Transport Act 2000 as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017 (the "Act"). Section 123G(4) of the Act states that where a Combined Authority is considering introducing bus franchising the function of deciding whether to make a franchising scheme is a function of the Combined Authority exercisable only by the Mayor acting on behalf of the Combined Authority.
6. DECISION TYPE	Mayoral Decision
7. DECISION OWNER	Mayor

DETAILS OF DECISION

8. DECISION	Recommendations for CPCA proposed bus franchising scheme approved
9. REASONS FOR THE DECISION	I have read and considered in full the report the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board Paper and its associated material in the appendices. I note that – in line with the requirements of the Transport Act 2000, as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017 (the "Act") – the Combined Authority has: - Completed an assessment of the bus franchising proposals; - Undertook an independent audit of that assessment; and - Carried out a statutory consultation on the proposals between 14 August 2024 until 09.00 on 25 November 2024. I have considered the recommendation of the members of the Combined Authority that I make the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Bus Franchising Scheme under the Act and the recommendation that I should also publish a Transitional Notice following the making of the Bus Franchising Scheme. I am satisfied that making the CPCA Bus Franchising Scheme offers the best opportunity for the Combined Authority to deliver on our ambitions for an integrated transport system, set out in detail within our Bus Strategy and Bus Service Improvement Plan. Consequently, having considered all the available evidence and being satisfied that all legal requirements have been complied with, I hereby decide, on behalf of the Combined Authority and in accordance with section 123G(4) of the Act, to make the CPCA Bus Franchising Scheme and publish the Transitional Notice, both as set out in the appendices to the Board Report of 6 February.2025.

10.ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED WHEN MAKING DECISION	As detailed in the Board Report of 6 February 2025 and previously in the Consultation Document (published as Appendix A to the Board Report), to move to make an Enhanced Partnership or to make no changes.	
11.KEY DESCISION INFORMATION	FORWARD PLAN DATE	3rd December 2024
	FORWARD PLAN NUMBER	KD2024/067
	DATE OF DECISION	7th February 2025
	DATE REPORT PUBLISHED	29th January 2025
	APPROVAL HYPERLINK	https://democracy.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=570&Ver=4
	IMPLEMENTATION DATE	17th February 2025
	EXEMPT INFO / ANNEX	N/A

OVERALL APPROVAL

DECISION MAKER	NAME	 Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
	DATE	7 th February 2025
	COMMENT	