



21 April 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Request – reference CA119
Bus franchising**

With reference to your request received on 6 April 2021 reference CA119 please find the response provided below.

Question a)

The costs and benefits of bus franchising - both in general, and specifically within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Answer a)

The costs and benefits of bus franchising in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will form part of the statutory assessment referred to in the response to b) below.

Question b)

Whether, how and when a system of bus franchising should be implemented in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Answer b)

The Combined Authority is currently investigating the possibility of bus franchising for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The procedure which must be followed is set out in the Bus Services Act 2017, which requires an assessment of the proposed franchising scheme to be prepared which describes the effects that the proposed scheme is likely to produce and compares making the proposed scheme to one or more other courses of action. Work on this assessment is underway and when it is complete the assessment will be reported to meetings of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee and Combined Authority Board. The detail of the procedure is set out in the 2017 Act, which amends the Transport Act 2000.

All future dates for the Transport & Infrastructure Committee can be found on the Combined Authority website. All papers for each meeting will be on the website five clear working days before the meeting. For ease, I have attached a link to the page [CMIS > Committees > Transport & Infrastructure Committee](#)

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

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